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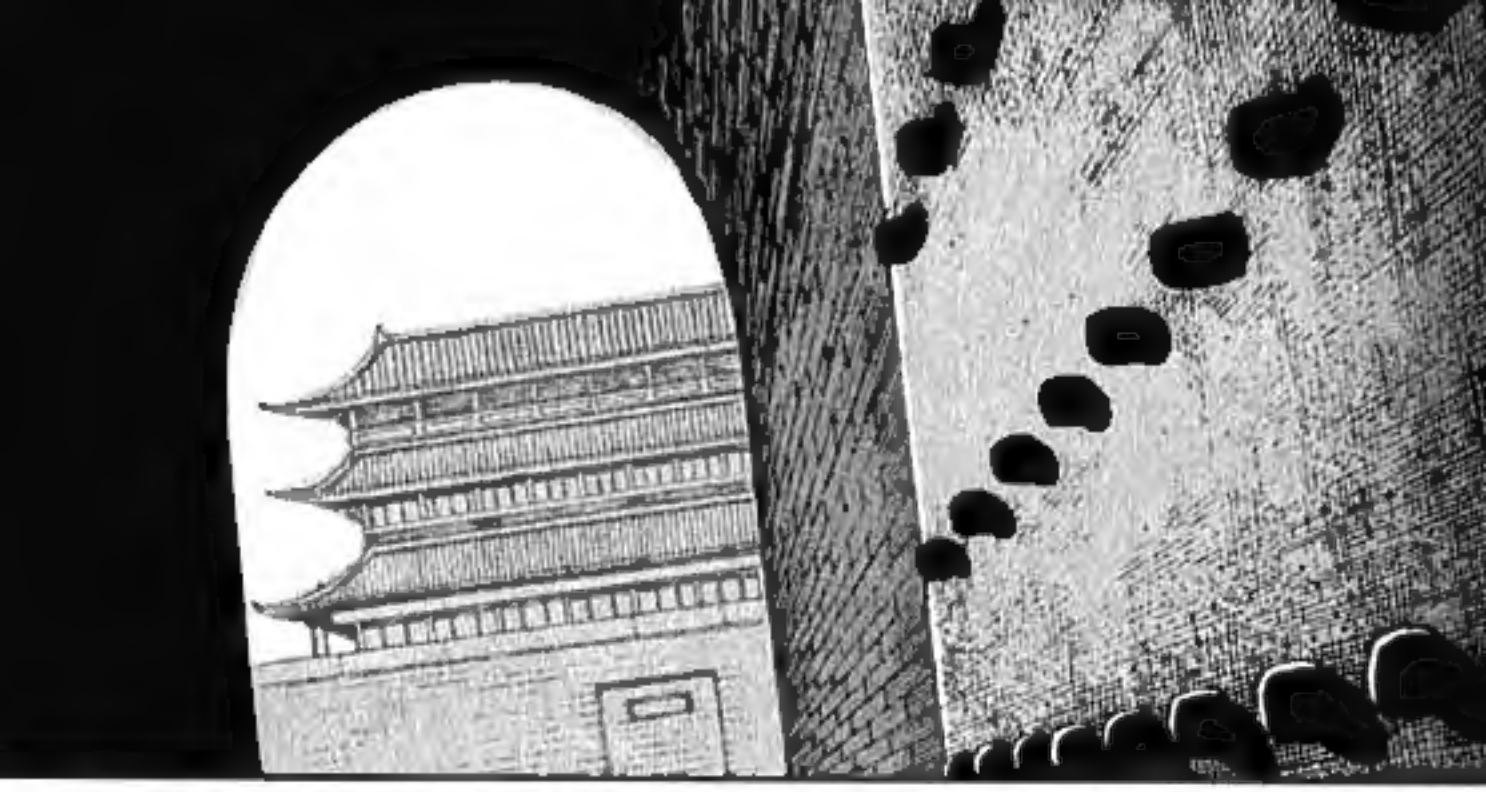
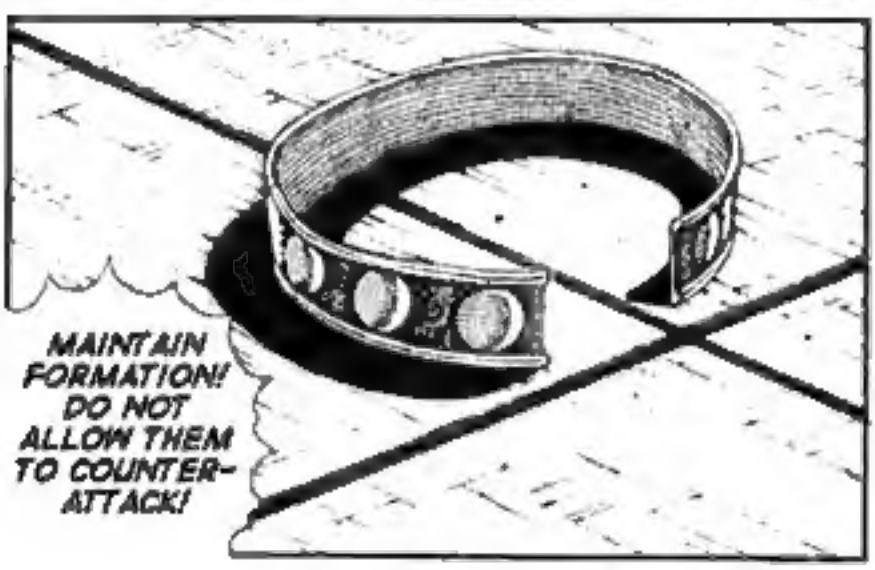


NO RUSH, WE HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD.
THEY'RE GOOD!

SFX: SLAM
PA


MAINTAIN FORMATION! DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO COUNTER-ATTACK!

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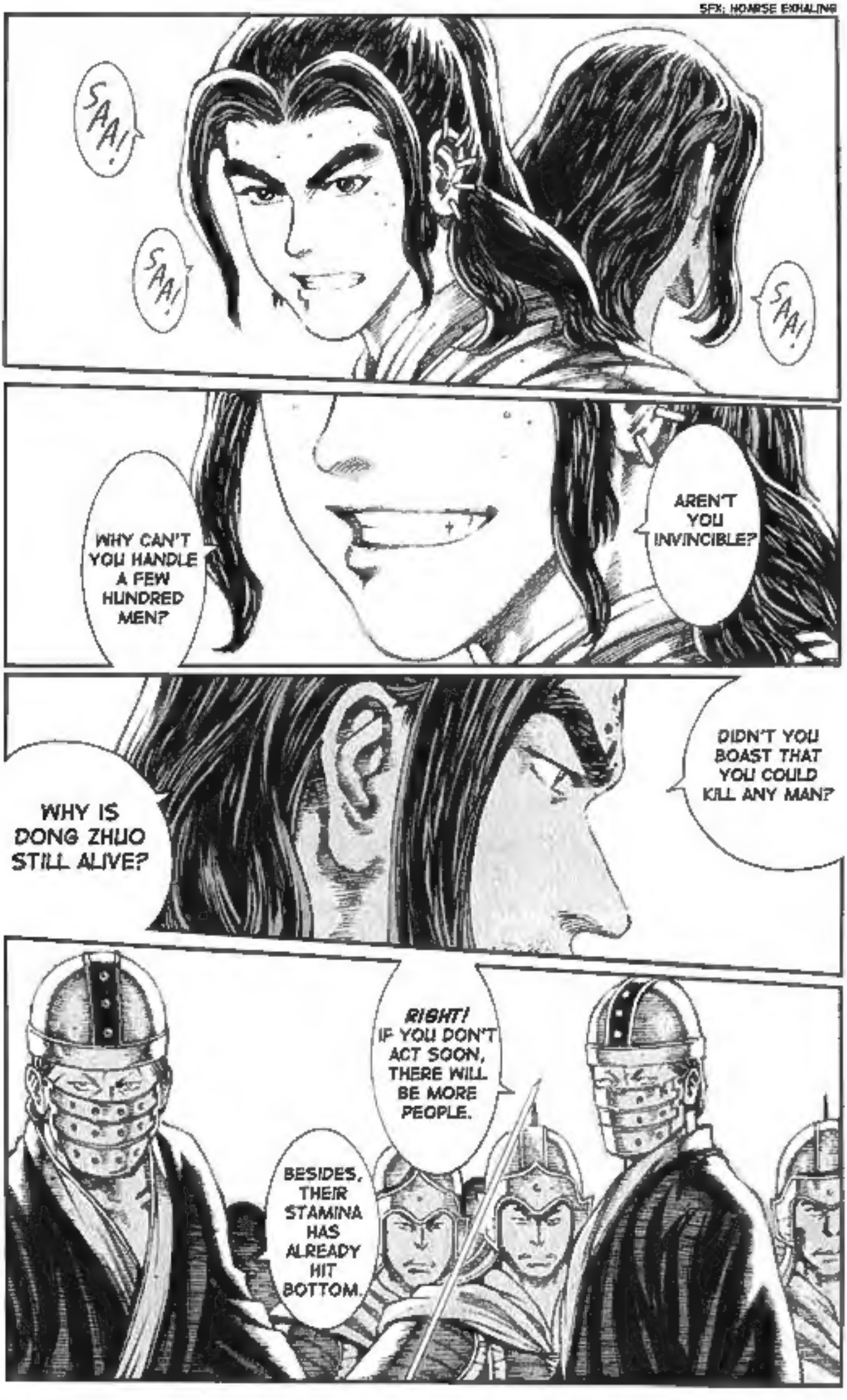

SFX: HORSE EXHALING
SAA!
SAA!
SAA!
WHY CAN'T YOU HANDLE A FEW HUNDRED MEN?
AREN'T YOU INVINCIBLE?
WHY IS DONG ZHUO STILL ALIVE?
DIDN'T YOU BOAST THAT YOU COULD KILL ANY MAN?
RIGHT! IF YOU DON'T ACT SOON, THERE WILL BE MORE PEOPLE.
BESIDES, THEIR STAMINA HAS ALREADY HIT BOTTOM.

BROTHER, THEY'RE NOT BUYING TIME; THEY'VE RUN OUT OF ENERGY!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BUY TIME AND EXPECT A MIRACLE?
HA HA HA HA!

LOOKS LIKE THE REBEL TROOPS IN THE PALACE HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

THESE ARE MY ORDERS, SO THEY WILL NATURALLY OBEY THEM. ALSO...

OUR PEOPLE ON THE OUTSIDE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON; GO OUT AND CALM THEM DOWN FOR ME.

GOOD NEWS.

LOOKS LIKE ZHANG LIAO'S DONE FOR.
CAPTURE THE REMAINING CO-CONSPIRATORS?
UNDERSTOOD.
FIFTH CAMP, COME WITH ME!
YOU SAID BEFORE: "THE FOUR LITTLE DOGS ARE GONE WITH THEIR TAILS BETWEEN THEIR LEGS; DISASTER NOW AWAITS THE BIG DOG."
THAT'S ONLY THE FIRST HALF!

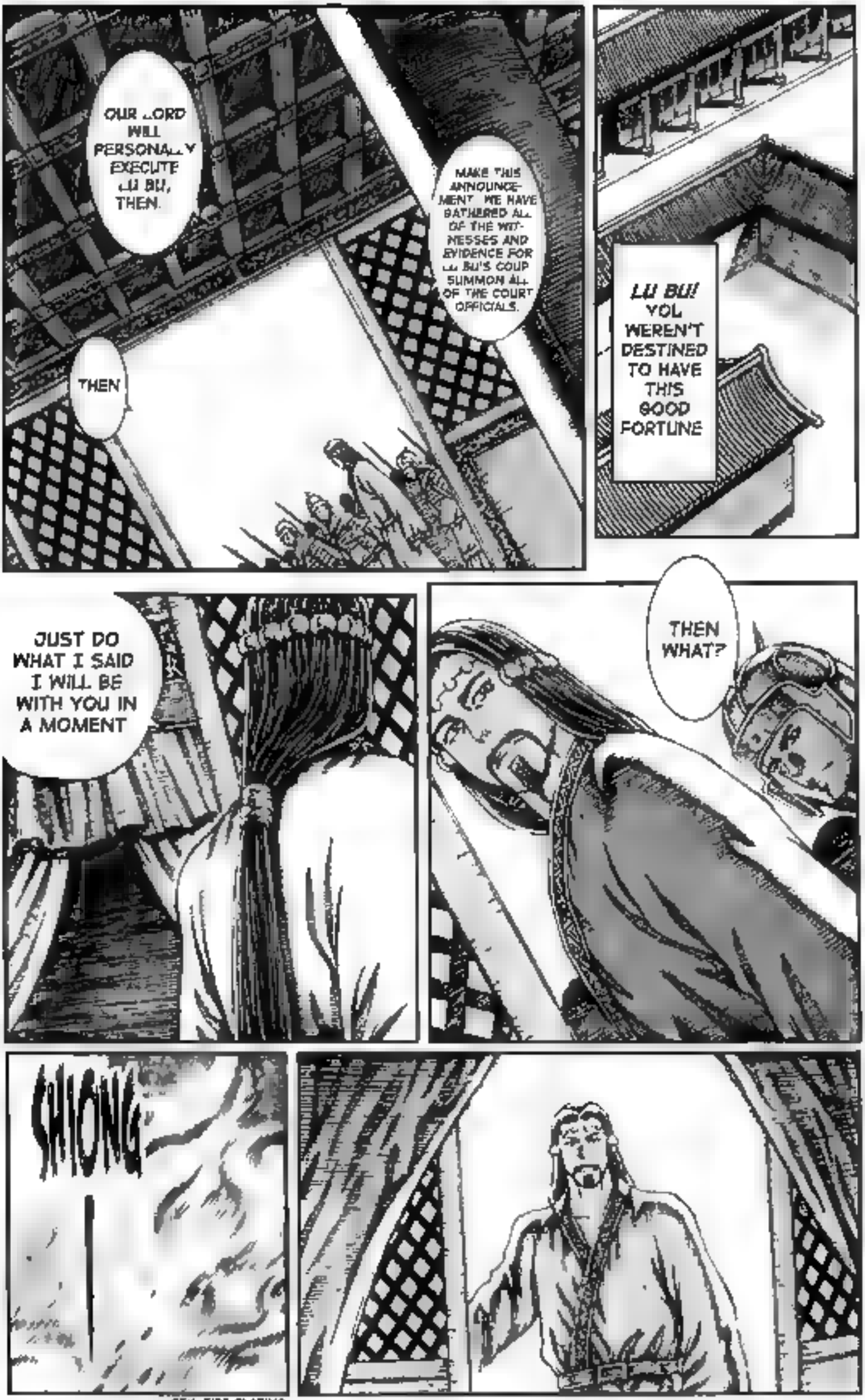
TOO BAD A TALENT LIKE ZHANG LIAO...
WAS DESTROYED BY THE HANDS OF AN AMBITIOUS MASTER.
YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM?
THEN, YOU SHOULD GO DOWN FIRST AND PASS HIM THE MESSAGE!
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL SEE HIM SOON.

SFX: STAB
PA
HA HA!
HA HA HA!
YOU...
HA HA HA HA!
MENCIUS WAS RIGHT!

CLIMB MOUNT TAI AND YOU'LL REALIZE HOW SMALL THE WORLD IS!
THE MOUNTAIN ROADS ARE TOO NARROW AND WINDING. TOO BAD YOU FELL BEFORE REACHING THE PEAK.

NOTE 1: MENCIUS SAID, "WHEN CONFUCIUS CLIMBED MOUNT DONG HE REALIZED HOW SMALL THE STATE OF LU WAS; WHEN HE CLIMBED MOUNT TAI HE REALIZED HOW SMALL THE WORLD (EMPIRE) WAS. WHEN YOU SEE THE SEA, OTHER BODIES OF WATER LIKE RIVERS AND LAKES SEEM UNIMPRESSIVE. ANYONE WHO HAS LEARNED FROM A SAGE WILL NOT BE IMPRESSED BY OTHER PHILOSOPHIES."

NOTE 2: MOUNT TAI IS ONE OF THE FAMOUS CHINESE MOUNTAINS.


OUR LORD WILL PERSONALLY EXECUTE LU BU, THEN.
MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. WE HAVE GATHERED ALL OF THE WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE FOR LU BU'S COUP. SUMMON ALL OF THE COURT OFFICIALS.
THEN
LU BU! YOU WEREN'T DESTINED TO HAVE THIS GOOD FORTUNE
JUST DO WHAT I SAID. I WILL BE WITH YOU IN A MOMENT
THEN WHAT?
SHIONG
SFX: FIRE BLAZING

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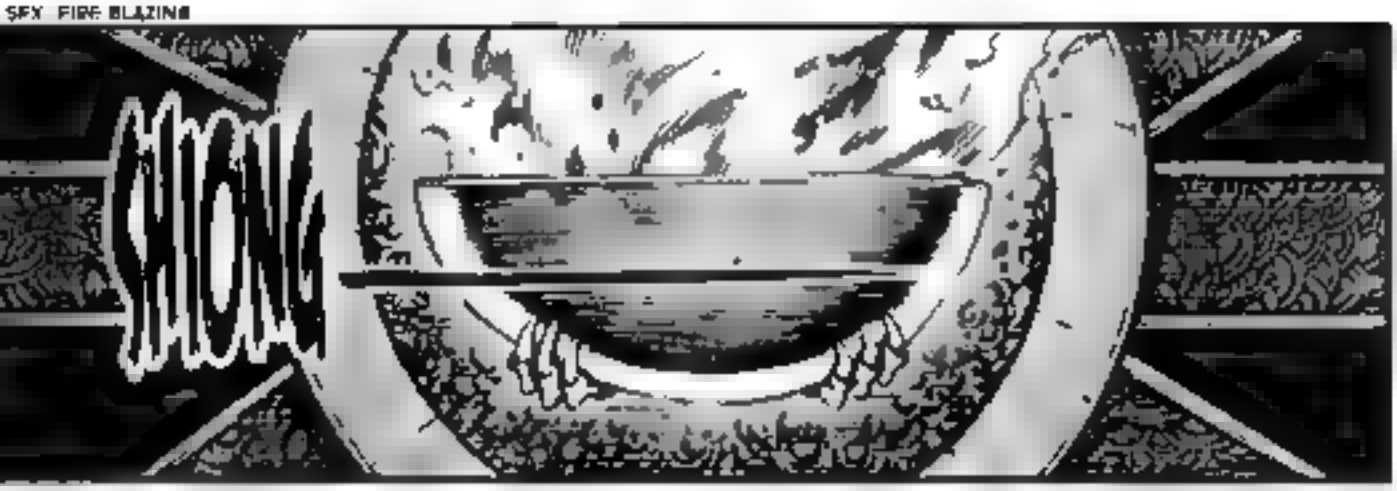
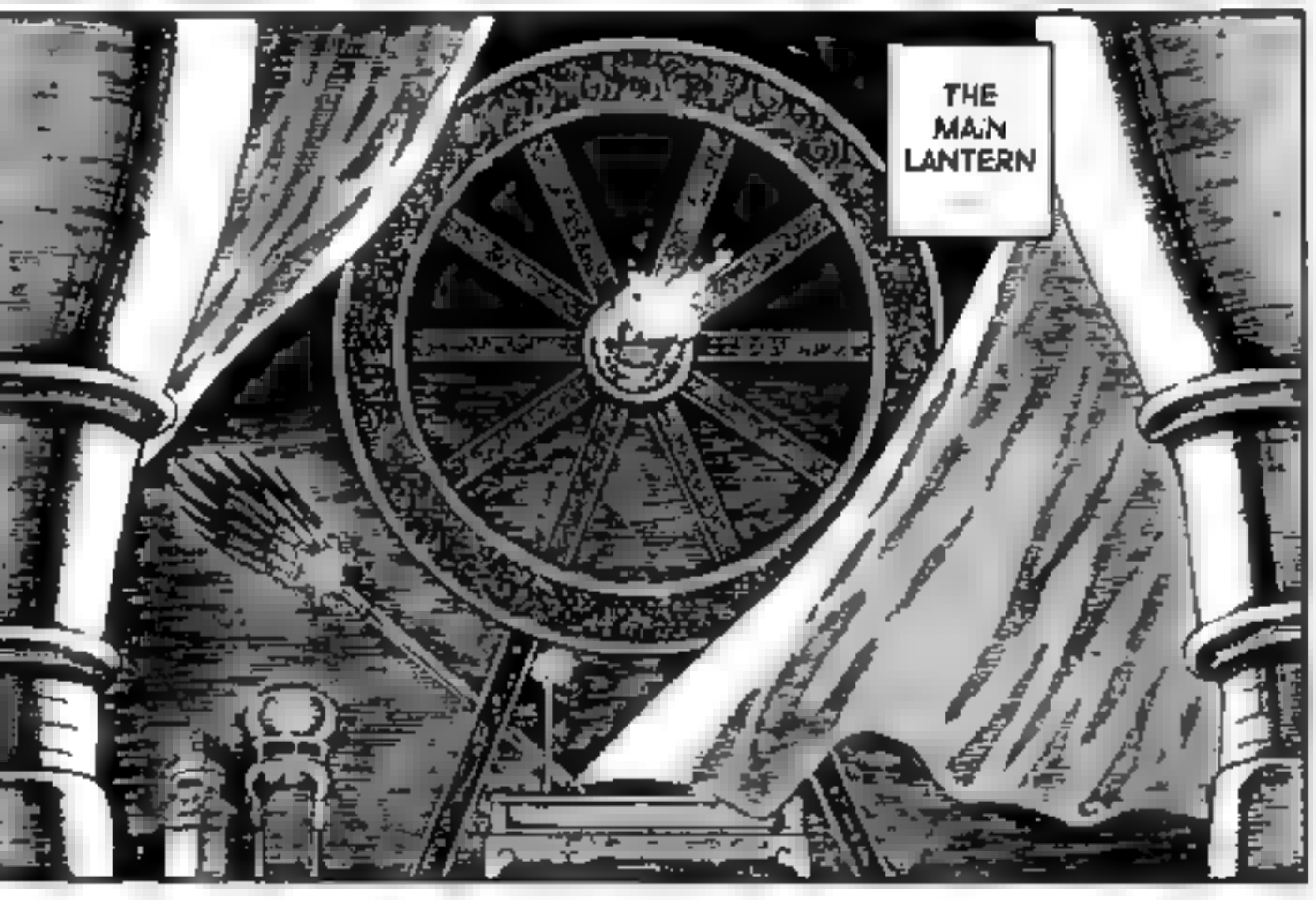




FATHER-IN-LAW DAREN WAS RIGHT
THAT IS TENGRI'S MESSAGE.
A MAN'S FUTURE MUST BE CONFRONTED HONESTLY
BUT, THERE ARE TIMES EVEN HEAVEN CAN BE MOVED!
THEY SAY, MEN CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST HEAVEN

SFX: STAB
TSH

HEAVEN'S WILL IS HEAVEN'S WILL YOU CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST DESTINY
IN HEAVEN WILL JUST BIND YOU
YOU MUST KNOW OF THE FAMOUS PHRASE.
HEAVEN'S WILL TOYS WITH MEN.
I LIT THE FLAME, BUT IT'S NOT FOR DONG ZHUO'S LIFE

LU BU'S WORLD WILL GO ON FOR MUCH LONGER!
ZHANG ZHANG LIAO IS STILL ALIVE? WEREN'T THERE TROOPS SURROUNDING THE PALACE?

THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBILITY; THERE WAS SOMEBODY SURROUNDING THE PALACE, BUT SOMEONE ELSE WAS
DON'T WORRY! THEY'RE ALL DEAD
AND THEY ARE
LI RU, YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D SEE THE THIRD CAMP AGAIN?
STOP! THE PALACE IS FORBIDDEN GROUND!
LU BU WAS RIGHT, YOU WERE PLANNING TO KILL OUR LORD!

WE WERE WONDERING WHY YOU WEREN'T IMMEDIATELY EXECUTED
I WAS PLANNING TO KILL OUR LORD?
THIS MORNING WE SAW OUR LORD HURRY INTO THE PALACE AND YOUR TROOPS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING IT AFTER SO WE KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
SO WE WENT TO THE JAIL AND SAW THE CELL WAS EMPTY,
WHAT A PACK. PACK OF LIES!
UNFORTUNATELY, YOU'RE STILL TOO LATE, DONG DAREN HAS ALREADY BEEN..
WE RUSHED OVER AND SAW YOUR MEN ATTACKING THE PALACE AND CAPTAIN ZHANG LIAO.
TRYING TO KILL LI BI WAS BAD ENOUGH, HOW DARE YOU USURP OUR LORD

OUR LORD IS STILL ALIVE! HE'S STILL BATTLING THE TRAITOR LU BU!
LU BU'S HONOUR AND LOYALTY ARE WELL KNOWN AMONGST THE RANKS!
HOW DARE YOU SPEAK SUCH LIES?
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING THIS STORY UP ALL THE WAY HERE, HAVEN'T YOU?
LISTEN TO ME; THIS WAS MY PLAN ALL ALONG!
LIARS ARE THE MOST DESPICABLE PEOPLE, WE DON'T SPARE THEIR LIVES.
THIS WAS TO DRAW OUT LU BU'S PLAN OF REVOLT!

EXCELLENT, AS PALACE CAPTAIN, I WILL ALLOW YOU TO TAKE THREE STEPS FORWARD
WELL DONE THERE ARE CO-CONSPIRATORS LEFT IN THE PALACE WHO WOULD GIVE THE SAME STORY
ONE!
THEN WE MUST TAKE BIG STEPS.
DON'T WORRY; WE WON'T LET ANY OF THEM LEAVE THE PALACE ALIVE

TWO!
BUT I WAS DE-STROYED BY HI'S HANDS!
PALACE CAPTAIN, THAT'S ONLY A MINOR RANK
THREE!

I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS THE THIRD CAMP THAT ATTACKED THE SOUTH GATE.
KID, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THEY WERE REINFORCE-MENTS?
WUHA! IT HURTS!
DON'T WORRY, IT WON'T KILL YOU.
DAMN YOU! WHO WAS GOING TO SWITCH SIDES?
DID ANYONE SWITCH SIDES?
IF THERE ARE ANY TRAITORS, KILL THEM.
HE... HE WAS TESTING
ANY COWARDS AMONGST US.. HE'S NOT JUST AN ORDINARY SECOND-IN-COMMAND!
I FELL DOWN ON PURPOSE.

SFX: ARROW DROPPING
PA
AMAZING! YOU GATHERED ALL OF DONG ZHUO'S LOYAL MEN, THEN YOU ELIMINATED THEM. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO MORE OPPONENTS!
THAT'S OUR LAST ASSIGNMENT, RIGHT?
DONG ZHUO'S COURT OFFICIALS ARE STILL WAITING IN THE WEST PALACE
SFX: RIP
TSH
THAT'S WHY I HAVE AN IMPENETRABLE BODY!
WE HAVE TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE FOR THE THIRD CAMP COMING INTO THE PALACE!
ONLY YOU CAN WEAR SUCH HEAVY ARMOUR.

RIGHT! YOU NEED TO LET THE THIRD CAMP SEE YOU AGAIN
UNDER-STOOD!

HA!

HA HA HA!

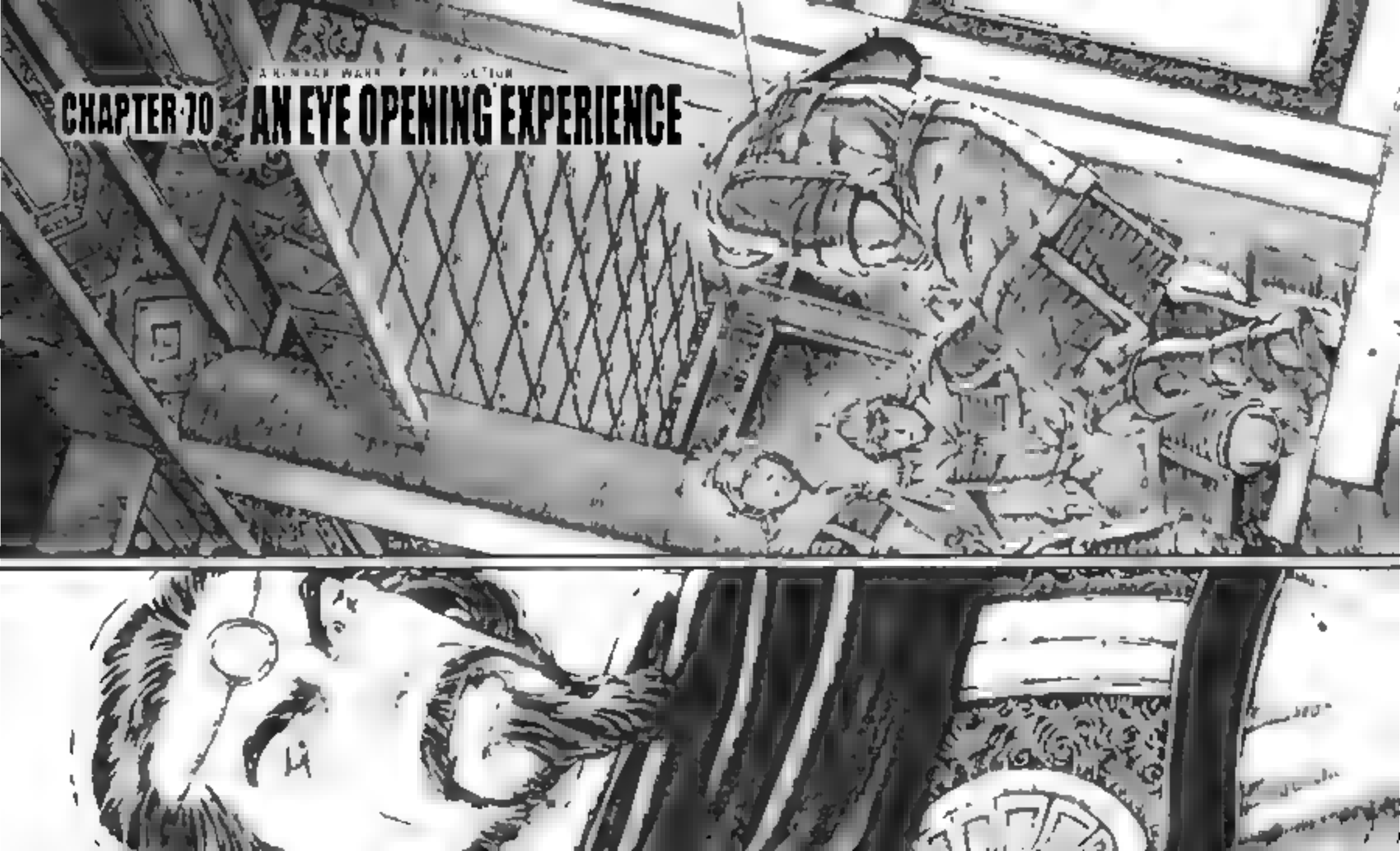
LI RU WAS BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION OF THE TOP OFFICIAL.

HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY, OR ARE YOU REALLY BUYING TIME?
THE WITNESSES YOU WANT ARE ALMOST HERE.
HA HA HA HA!
DONG ZHUO, YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT MENCIUS SAID?
EVERYTHING IS COMING TOGETHER AS PLANNED BUT... SOMEONE STILL DOESN'T UNDERSTAND

I AM STANDING ON THE PEAK OF MOUNT TAI AND I'VE REALIZED HOW SMALL YOUR WORLD TRULY IS!

SCANNER: BLACKBIRD
TRANSLATOR: BLACKBIRD
PROOFREADER: ESTAR

RIGHT, WE ARE OUR LORD'S ELITE SOLDIERS.
YOU'RE AT DEATH'S DOOR AND YOU'RE STILL SPOUTING INSANITY.
EVEN IF YOU'RE THE INVINCIBLE WARRIOR GOD, YOU WON'T TOUCH A HAIR ON THE HEAD OF OUR LORD
RIGHT!
AS LONG AS EVERYONE'S DEAD, THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO STAND IN THE WAY OF YOUR AMBITION, BUT YOU THINK YOU COULD HAVE DONE IT ALL BY YOURSELF?
I DIDN'T SAY I WAS GOING TO DO IT ALONE.
I WILL NOT ONLY DEAL WITH DONG ZHUO, THE REST OF THE LORDS ARE ON MY LIST
SFX: DRIP
DEE
HA! YOU THINK YOU STILL HAVE REINFORCE-MENTS?
WHAT A FARCE!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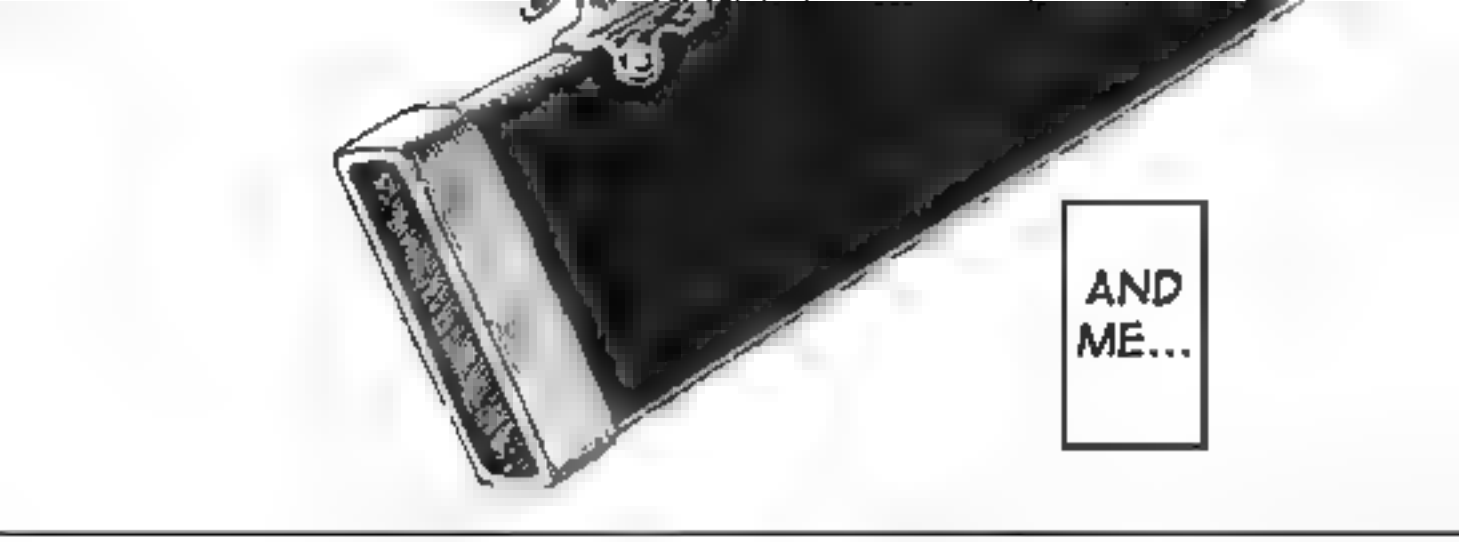
AN EYE OPENING EXPERIENCE

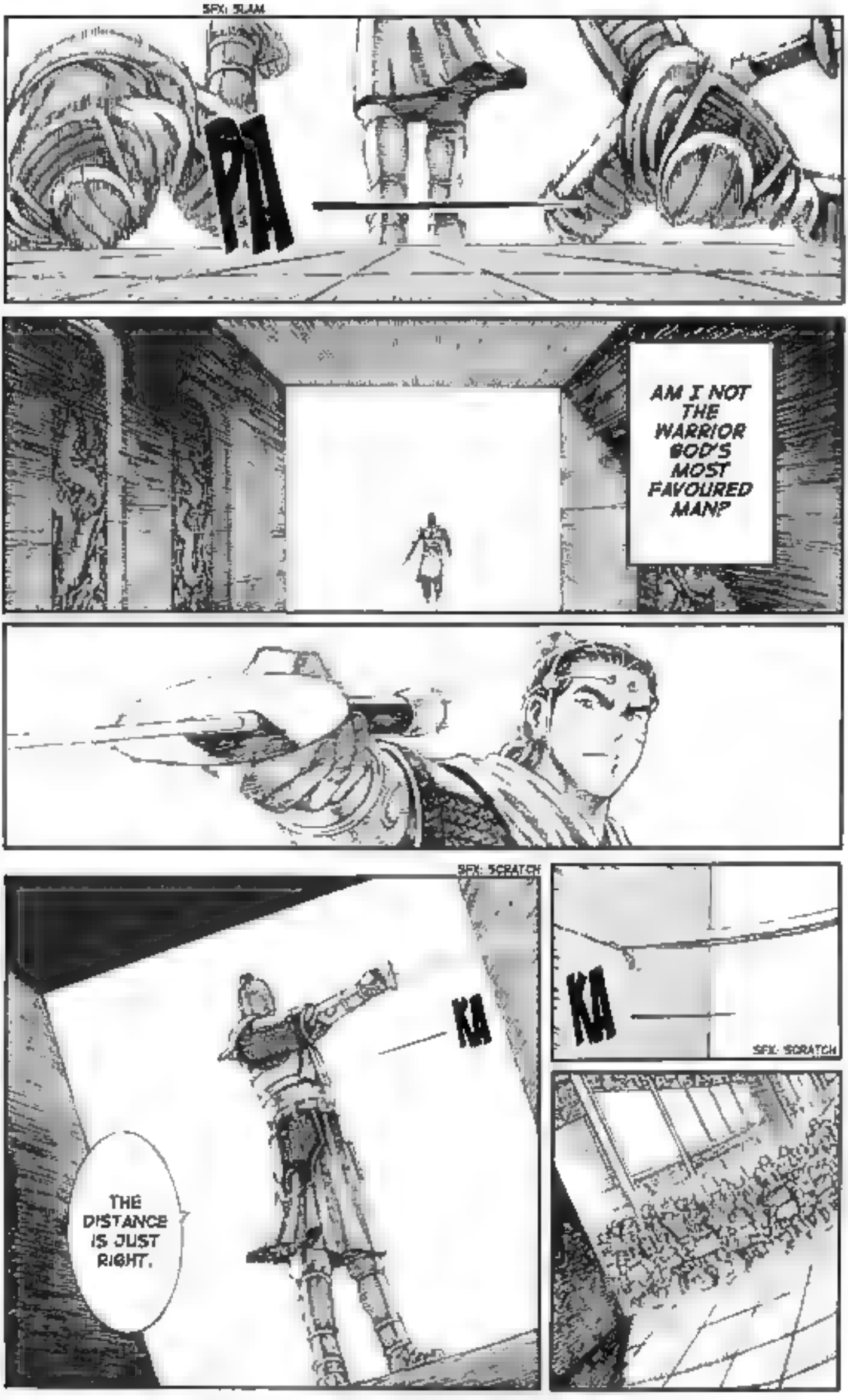
IMPOSSIBLE! THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN LOYAL, THAT'S WHY THEY'VE ASSUMED THE VANGUARD STATUS.
OUR LORD HAS TREATED THEM WELL, THEN WHY
MY LORD! THE THIRD CAMP HAS... ENTERED THE PALACE...
THEY'RE KILLING EVERYONE IN SIGHT!
OH NO! THEY'VE SUCCUMBED TO THE RUMOURS!
THEN THEY SEE US AS CO-CONSPIRATORS?
BUT ... THEY BELIEVE THAT LI RU BAREN BROUGHT TROOPS IN TO ASSASSINATE OUR LORD. SO
SO AS SOON AS THEY SEE WE'RE LI DAREN'S MEN...
LI RU HE... HE...
DONG ZHUO, YOUR BIG DOG IS DEAD.

YOU CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH ME DIE?
AHEAD IS THE FORBIDDEN PALACE, THE THIRD CAMP HAS ALWAYS ABIDED BY THE RULES; THEY DARE NOT ADVANCE BUT THEY HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST LI RI.
YOU CAN GO OUT IMMEDIATELY AND CLEAR THIS UP.
RIGHT!
YOUR DEATH WILL BE THE MOST BRUTAL AND SHAMEFUL POSSIBLE!
I WANT TO ASK EVERYONE ONE THING.
I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO LEAVE; TO KILL ME, BEYOND ABSURD

AM I NOT INVINCIBLE?
DONG ZHUO, OPEN YOUR EYES!
AND AM I NOT ABLE TO KILL ANYONE?

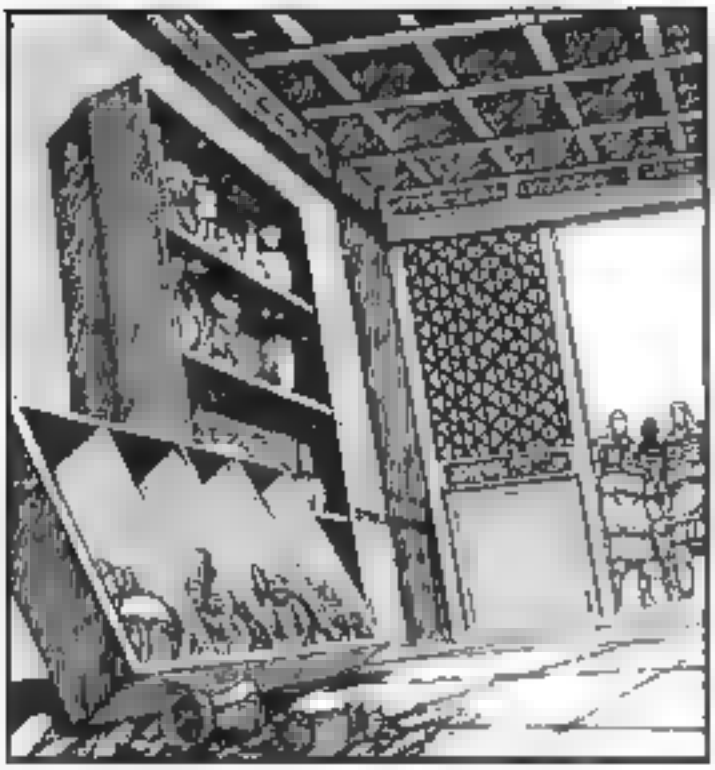

AND ME...

ZHANG LIAO!


SFX: SLAM
PA
AM I NOT THE WARRIOR GOD'S MOST FAVOURED MAN?
SFX: SCRATCH
KA
THE DISTANCE IS JUST RIGHT.
KA
SFX: SCRATCH

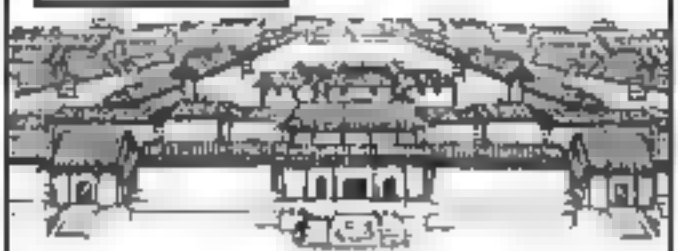
NO ONE HAS EVER PASSED BEYOND THE RANGE OF MY SWORD
THE GRAND SCRIPT WILL BE COMPLETE!
AS LONG AS THEY ARE KILLED.

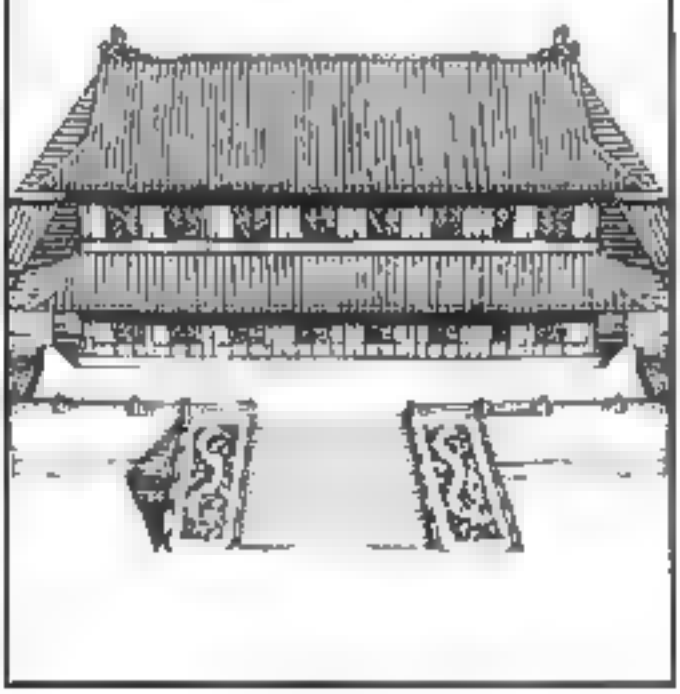
NOTE: THIRD YEAR OF CHUPING IS THE YEAR 192 AD

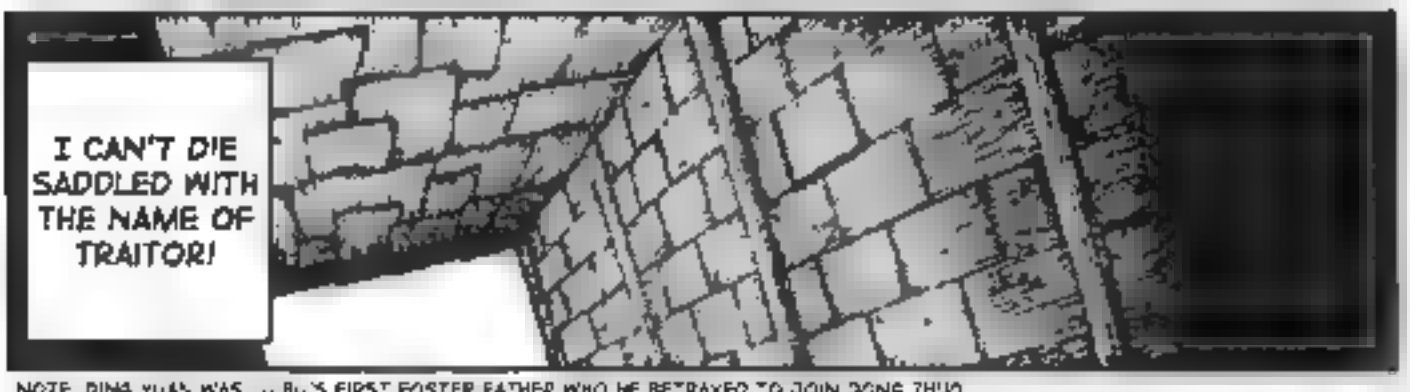


APRIL, THIRD YEAR CHUPING IN AN OVER THROW, LI RU KILLS DONG ZHUO AND HIS OFFICIALS. UNFORTUN-ATELY, LI RU IS KILLED BY DONG ZHUO'S FOSTER SON

MAY TO NO ONE'S OBJECTION, LU BU OFFICIALLY BECOMES DONG ZHUO'S SUCCESSOR.



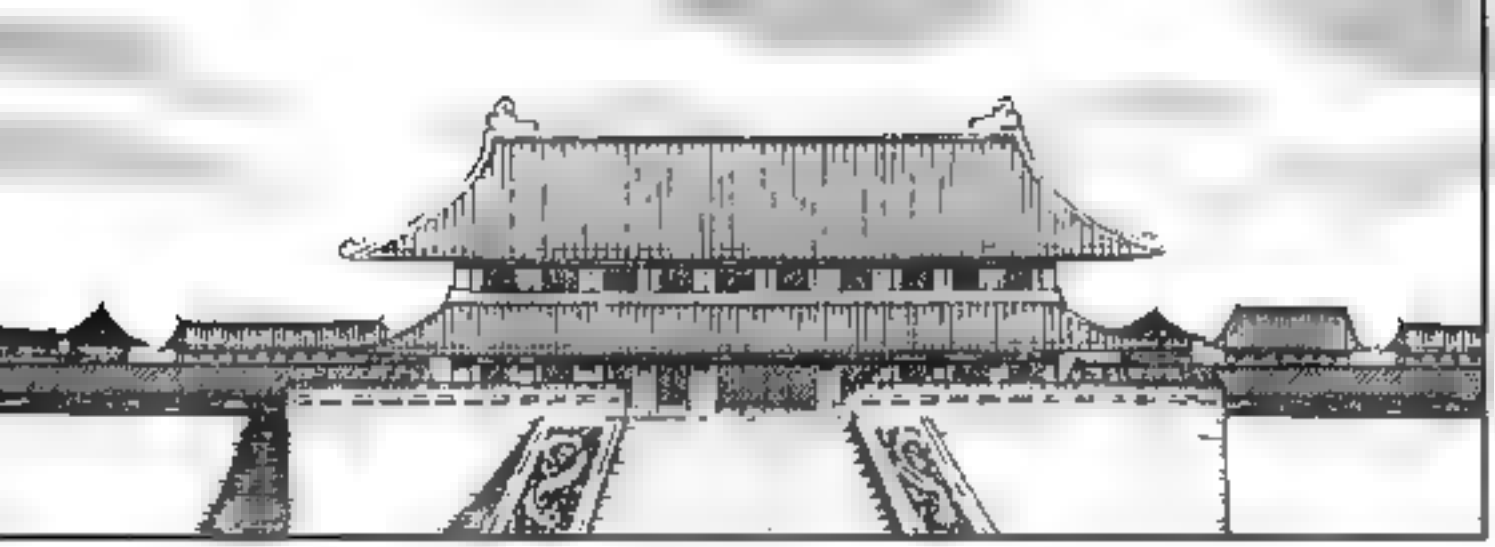




NOTE: DING YUAN WAS LU BU'S FIRST FOSTER FATHER WHO HE BETRAYED TO JOIN DONG ZHUO

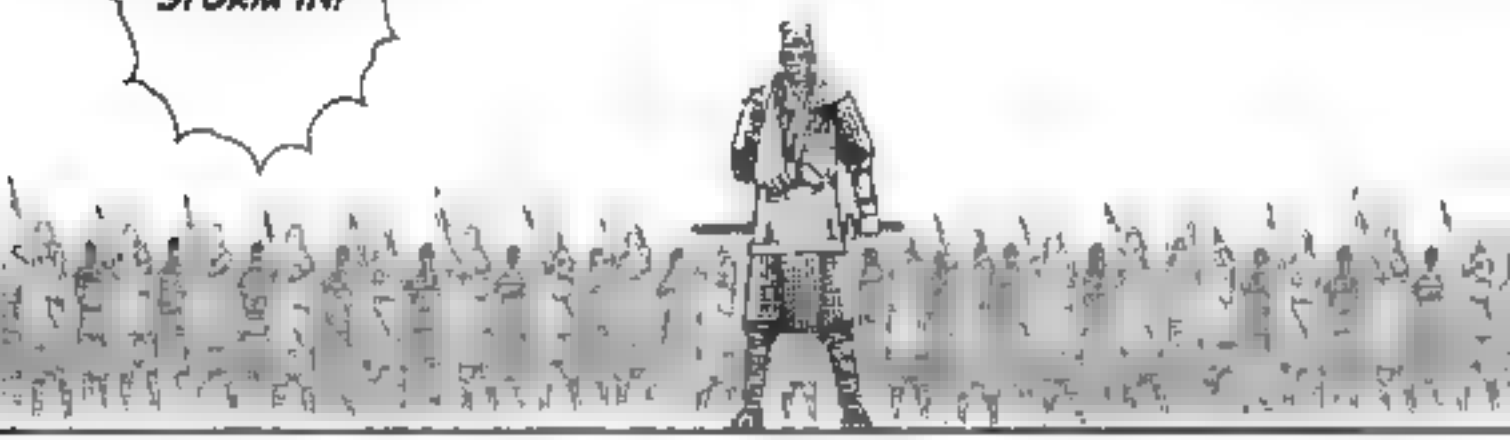
OLD BROTHER, IS HE TALKING ABOUT US? THREE STEPS FORWARD WAS FOR IN THE PALACE!
WE MAKE THE RULES BELOW THE PALACE.
I CANNOT DIE BY THE HANDS OF THESE TRAITORS!
RIGHT! YOU HAVE A PRIOR OFFENSE WE'LL DIE AND NEVER BELIEVE YOU.
YOU... IDIOTS! IS IT USELESS FOR ME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING?
HAI!
GOOD! GOOD! FOLLOW ME. I'LL OPEN YOUR EYES IN THE MAIN HALL!

HA!!



GENERAL ZHANG LIAO HAS ENTERED THE PALACE TO INVESTIGATE IF ANY HARM COMES TO DONG DAREN

WE WILL IMMEDIATELY STORM IN!



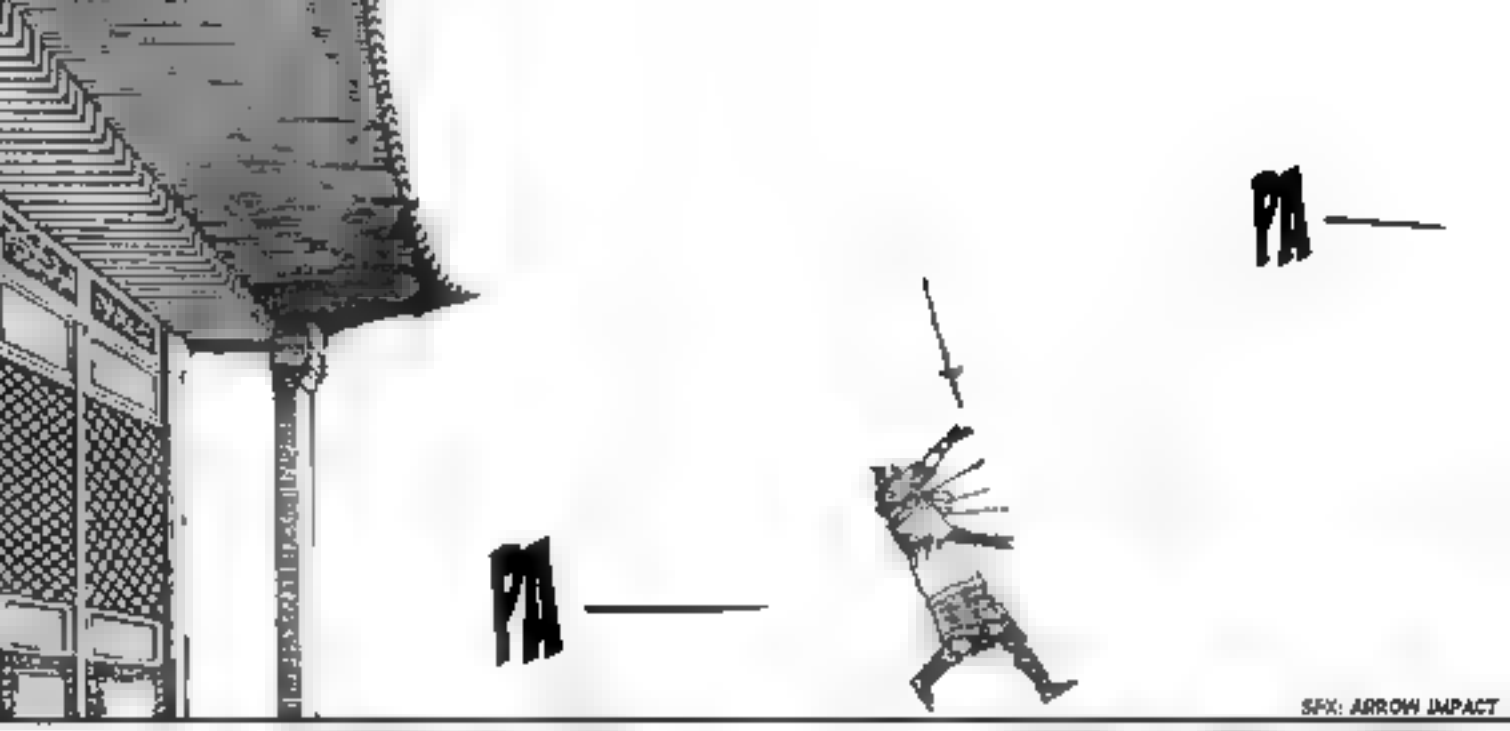
BUT THERE ARE MANY RENOWNED GENERALS IN THE PALACE,

CAN. CAN IT BE DONE?

AS LONG AS DONG ZHUO DIES, THE MISSION IS COMPLETE

THEY SAY LU BU HAS THE COURAGE OF TEN THOUSAND MEN. THESE ASSASSINS HAVE KILLED EVEN XU LIN..

DO I NOT HAVE FAITH OR THIS IS JUST WISHFUL THINKING?
SOMEONE SOMEONE HAS COME OUT!
DAMN IT!
THIRD CAMP FOOLS! OUR LORD IS STILL ALIVE! COME WITH ME AT ONCE!
TEAR THAT TRAITOR LU BU TO PIECES!
ZHANG LIAO'S DONE FOR?!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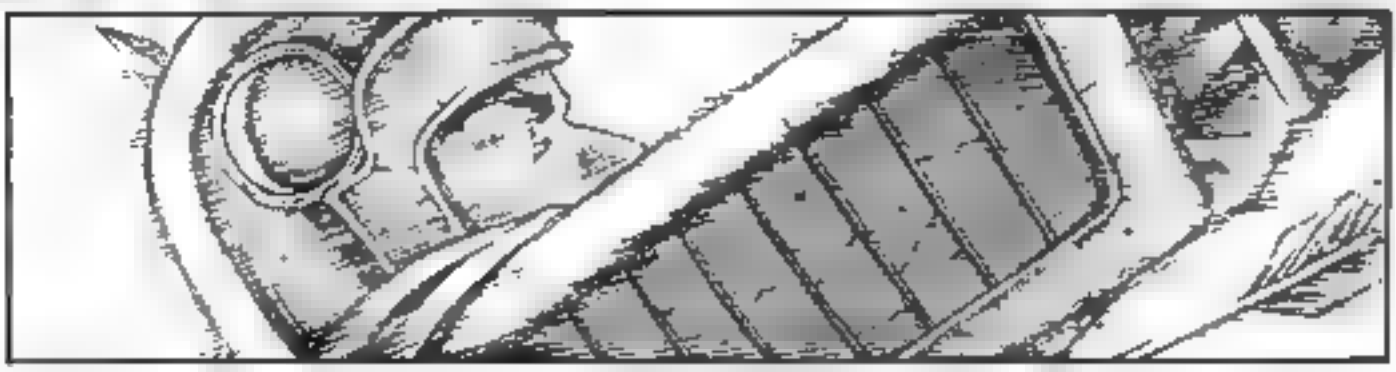
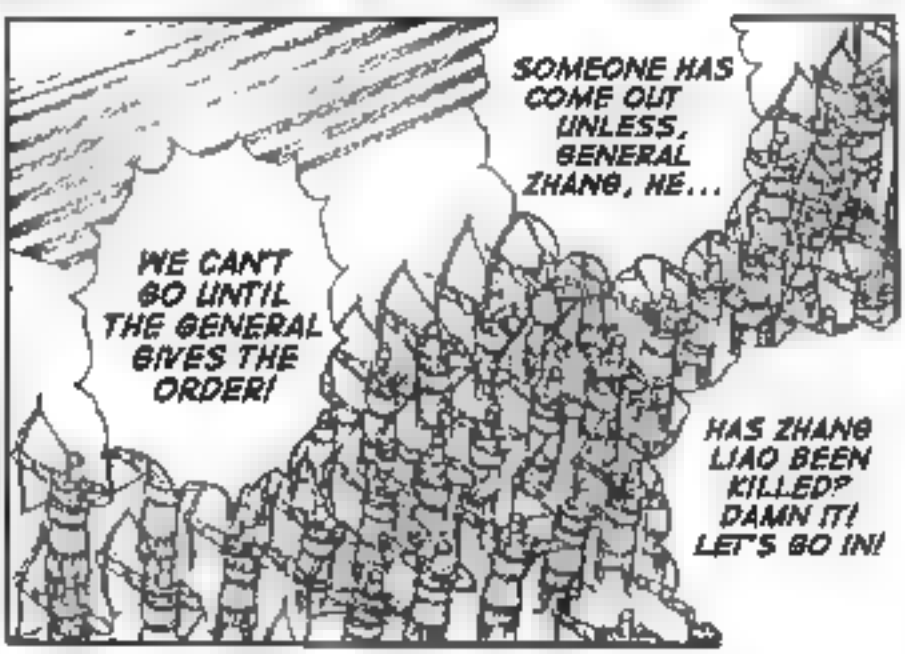
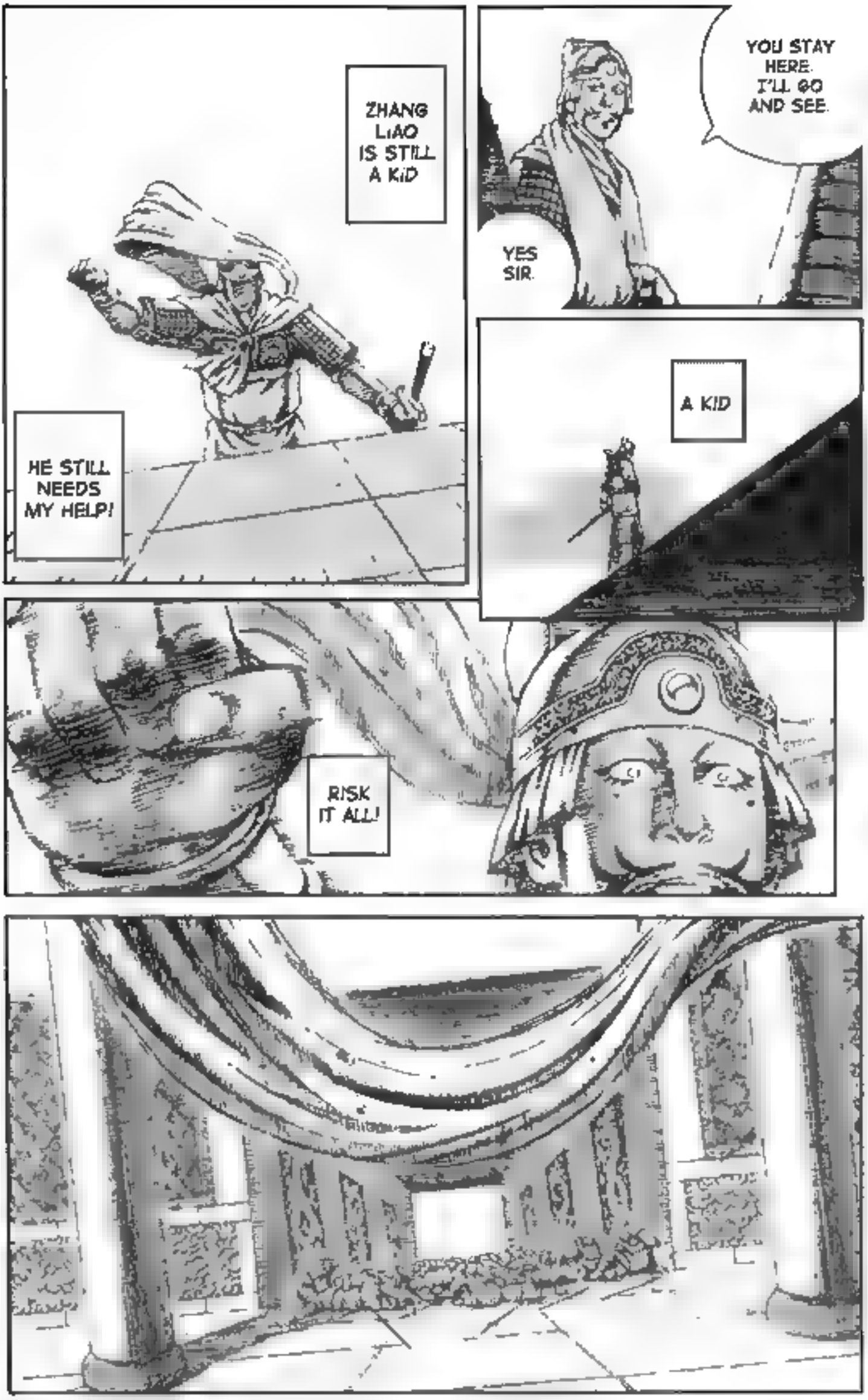


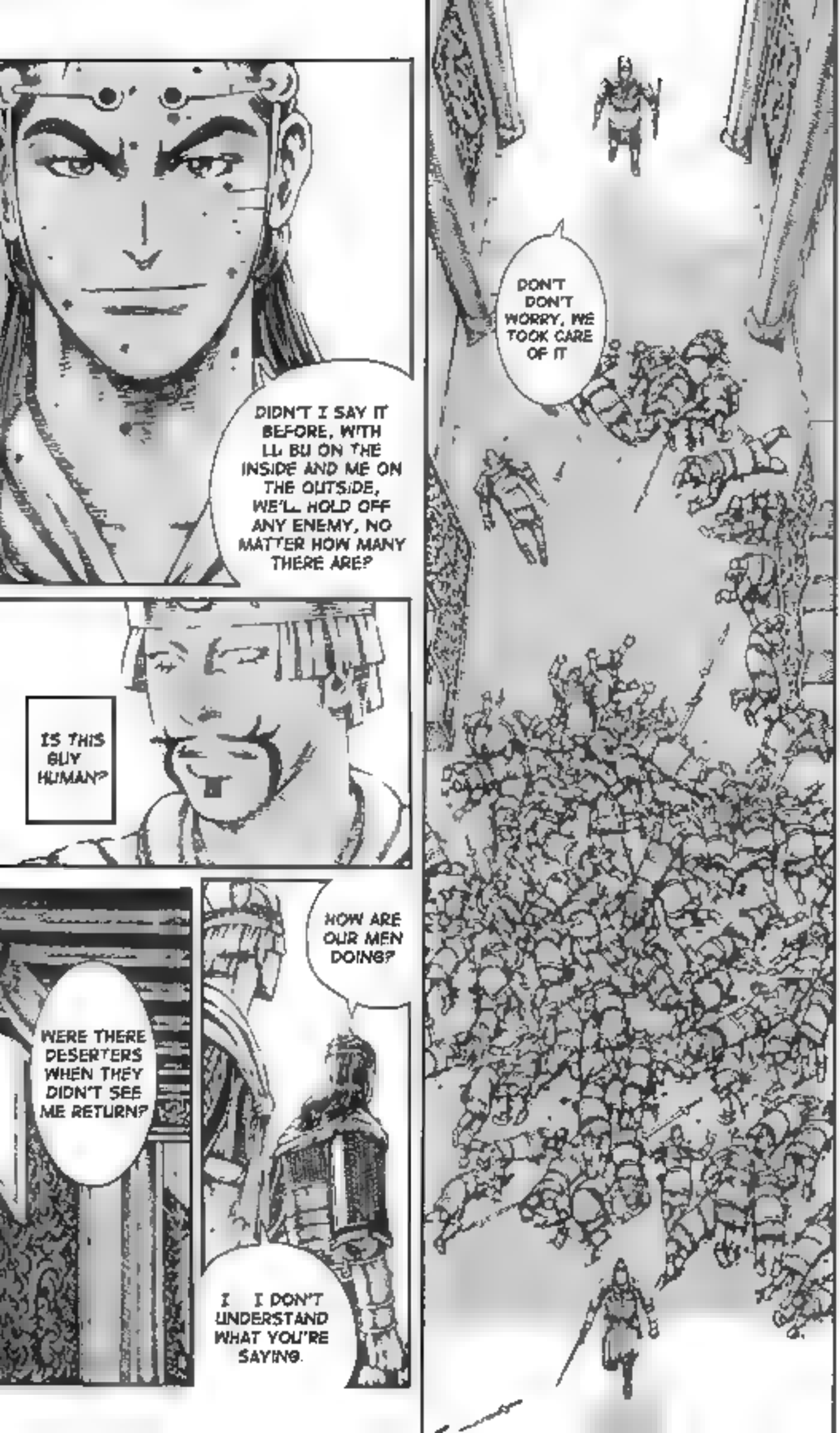
DAMN IT! EVEN BEFORE DEATH, YOU'RE STILL STUBBORN!
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN! ANYONE WHO UTTERS THE SAME WILL DIE!

NO! IF LI BU DOESN'T COME OUT SOON, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD THESE PEOPLE BACK!


SOMEONE HAS COME OUT UNLESS, GENERAL ZHANG, HE...
WE CAN'T GO UNTIL THE GENERAL GIVES THE ORDER!
HAS ZHANG LIAO BEEN KILLED? DAMN IT! LET'S GO IN!


ZHANG LIAO IS STILL A KID
HE STILL NEEDS MY HELP!
YOU STAY HERE. I'LL GO AND SEE.
YES SIR.
A KID
RISK IT ALL!

I CON-
CENTRATED
ON THE TWO
SIDES, BUT
I OMITTED
THE TOP!

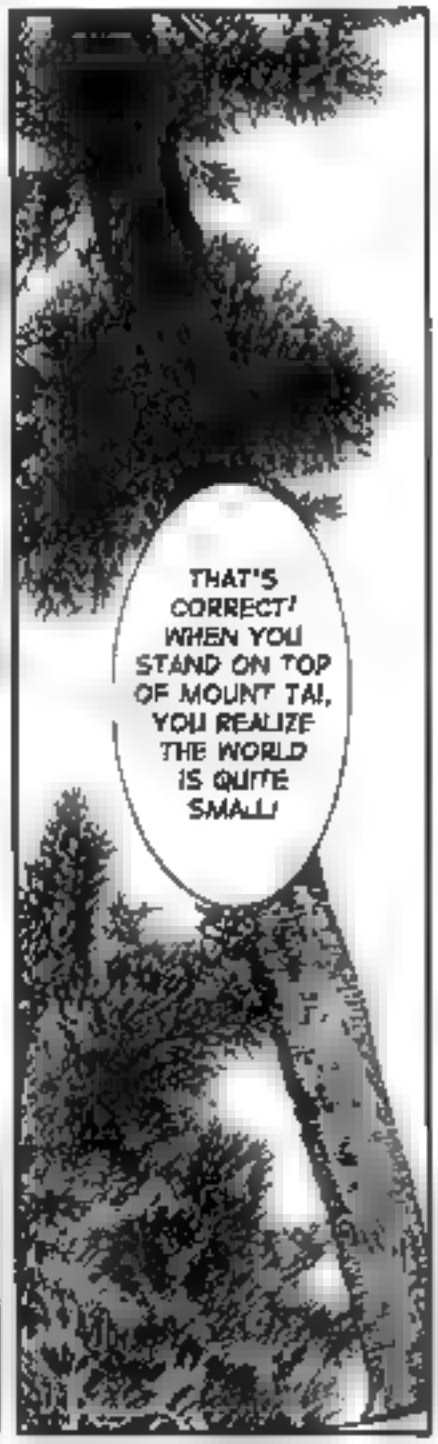

DIDN'T I SAY IT BEFORE, WITH LI BU ON THE INSIDE AND ME ON THE OUTSIDE, WE'LL HOLD OFF ANY ENEMY, NO MATTER HOW MANY THERE ARE?
IS THIS BUY HUMAN?
WERE THERE DESERTERS WHEN THEY DIDN'T SEE ME RETURN?
HOW ARE OUR MEN DOING?
I I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
DON'T DON'T WORRY, WE TOOK CARE OF IT

IS STILL TESTING US?!
THIS KID...
HE'S SO METICULOUS WITH HIM BEHIND LU BU, THEY'RE UNBEATABLE!
WHAT WHAT AN EYE OPENING EXPERIENCE
WE'VE BEEN RETIRED FOR SO MANY YEARS

HIS TALENT HAS SURPASSED OURS BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS!

SCANNER: BLACKBIRD
TRANSLATOR: BLACKBIRD
PROOFREADER: ESTAR

NOTE: MENCIUS WAS A PHILOSOPHER DURING THE WARRING STATES PERIOD.



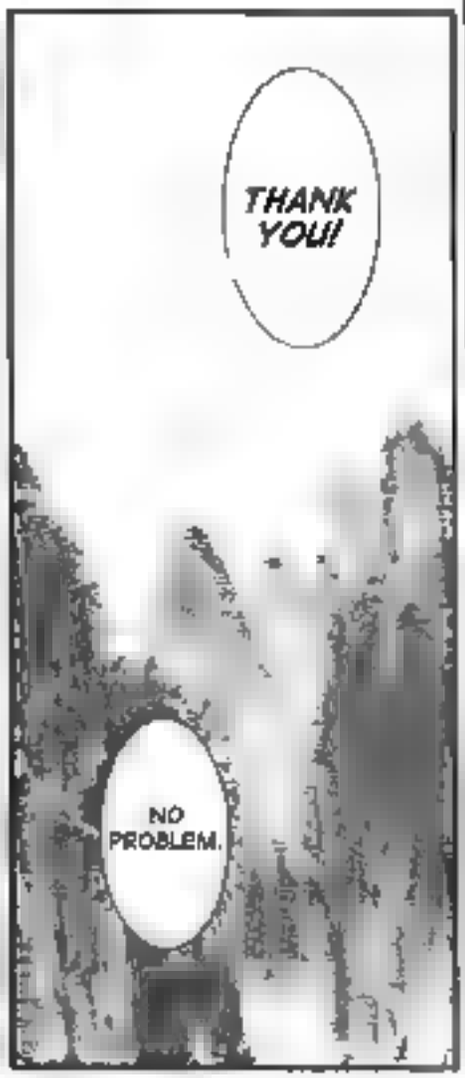
NOTE: CHINESE EXPLETIVE = FART

BUT HOW CAN CONQUERORS REMAIN UNMOVED WHEN THEY GAZE UPON THIS MAJESTIC SCENERY? NO ONE HAS EVER DARED TO DOUBT MENCIUS'S WISDOM!

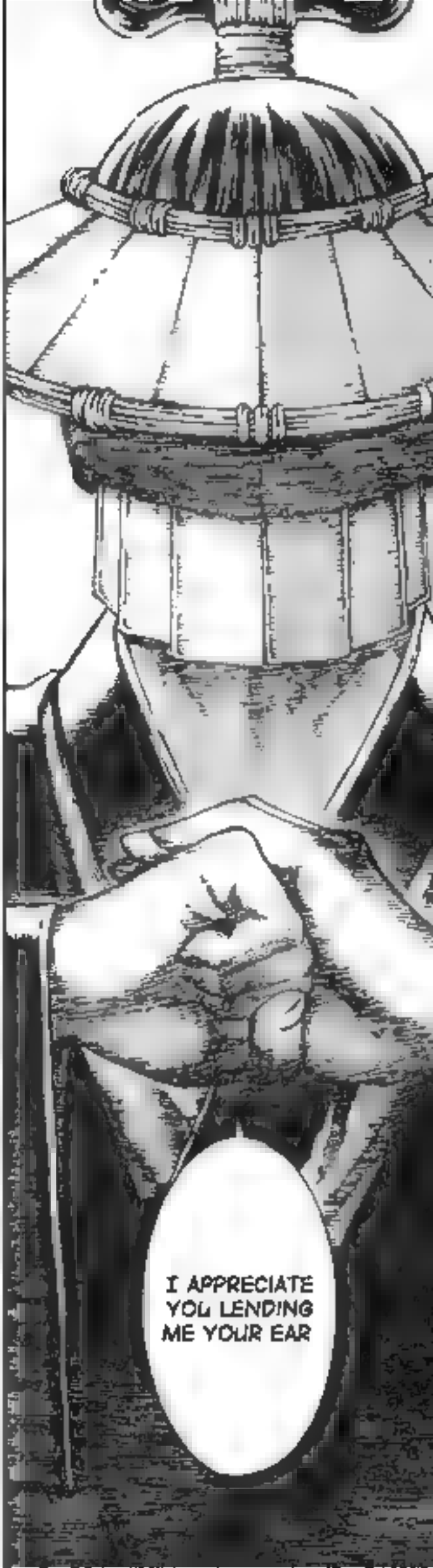
A REMNANT WARRIORS PRODUCTION

CHAPTER 70 MENCIUS'S WISDOM

NOTE: AH MAN IS CAO CAO'S XIAO MING OR NICKNAME



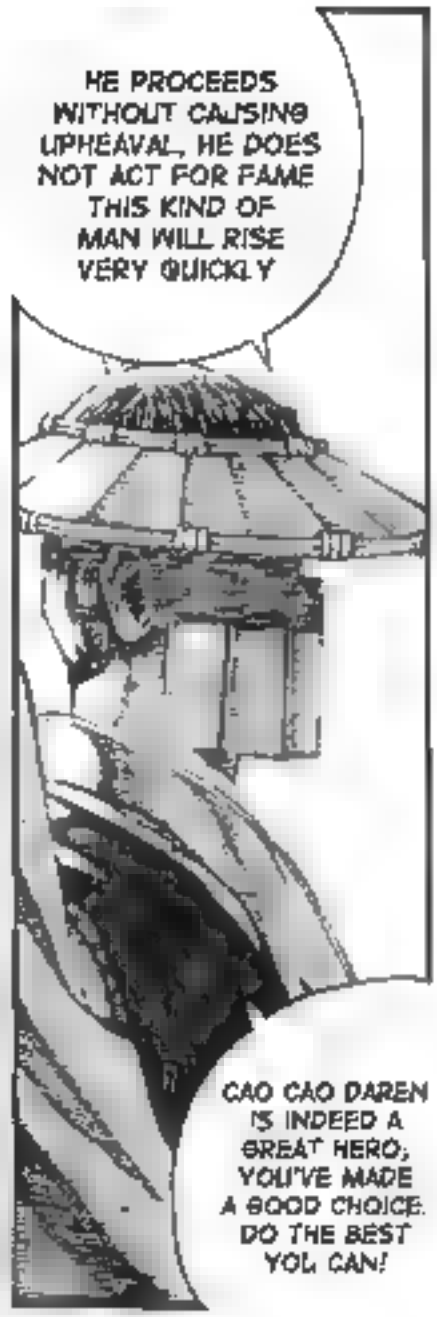
UNFORTUNATELY I'VE ALREADY PROMISED MY FOSTER BROTHER I MUST GO.
TOO BAD YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE.
XUN YU AND YOU REALLY MAKE A FORMIDABLE TEAM!
TELL ME THEN, IF WE MEET AGAIN, WILL YOU BE OPPOSING ME?
CAO CAREN DARES TO SPEAK FROM THE HEART, I DARE NOT THUS I BID YOU FAREWELL.


I APPRECIATE YOU LENDING ME YOUR EAR

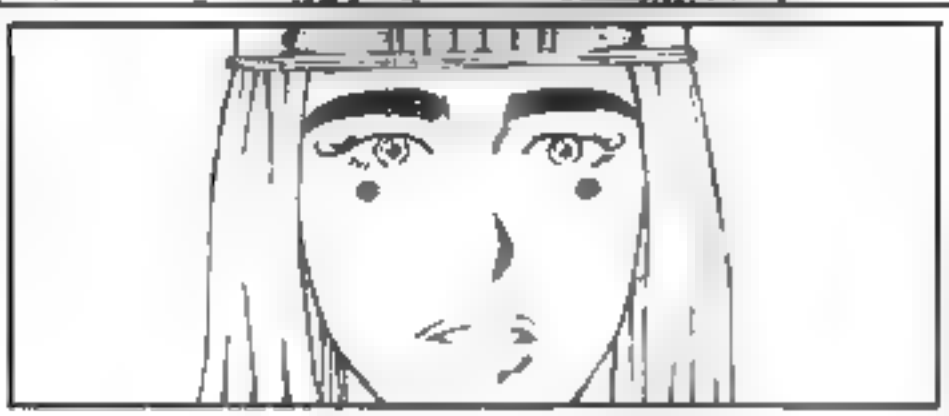
THIRD BROTHER, YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO

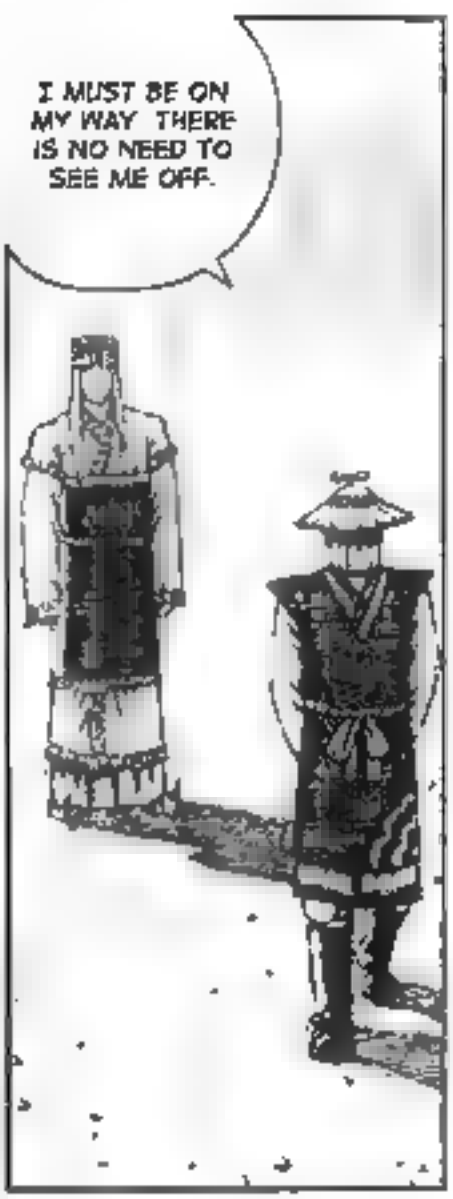
THEN WHY ARE YOU.

YOUR STRATEGY IS LIGHT AND MINE IS DARKNESS. THEY OPPOSE EACH OTHER
BESIDES.


HE PROCEEDS WITHOUT CAUSING UPHEAVAL, HE DOES NOT ACT FOR FAME THIS KIND OF MAN WILL RISE VERY QUICKLY
CAO CAO DAREN IS INDEED A GREAT HERO, YOU'VE MADE A GOOD CHOICE. DO THE BEST YOU CAN!

I AM NOW A MAN FILLED WITH RAGE FOR VENGEANCE.




I MUST BE ON MY WAY. THERE IS NO NEED TO SEE ME OFF.

AH MAN, CAN THAT THIRD GENIUS BE TRUSTED? DONG ZHUO'S REALLY GOING TO

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE SKY

NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY. IT'S COMPLETELY BLUE, THIS IS A GOOD OMEN!

DONG ZHUO...
UNFORTUN-ATELY, THE CLOUDS ARE BELOW THE MOUNTAIN!
HE IS BUT A CLOUD.

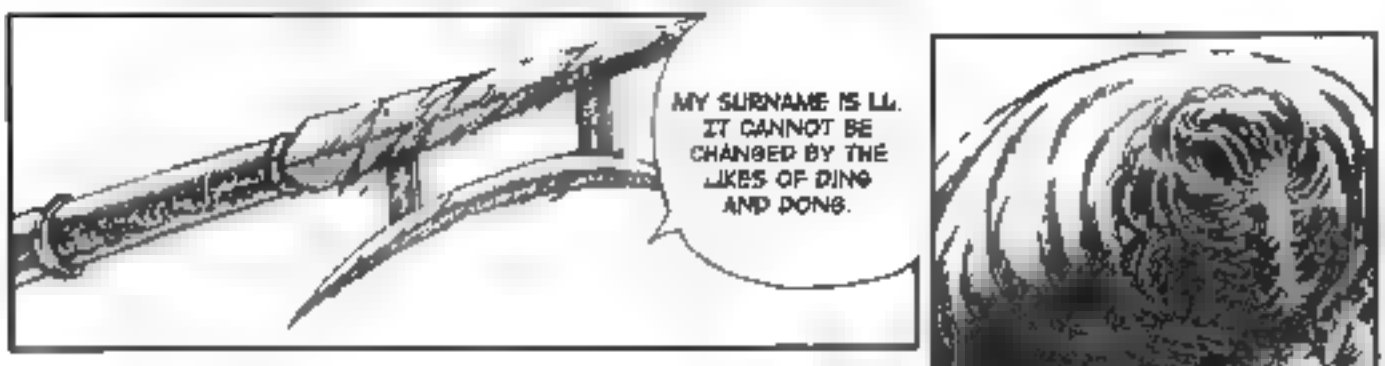
BELOW THE MOUNTAIN!

I AM

YOU'VE GOT QUITE A PHYSIQUE. THIS LAST STRIKE WON'T END YOUR LOWLY LIFE. I RECALL DING YUAN COULDN'T TAKE SUCH A BLOW!
YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, THIS.. WE HAVE THIS IN COMMON. .
NOT THE SAME, NOW I AM THE LIGHT AND YOU'RE THE DARKNESS.
LIGHT. THE RAT ONLY STEALS IN THE DARKNESS, YOU.

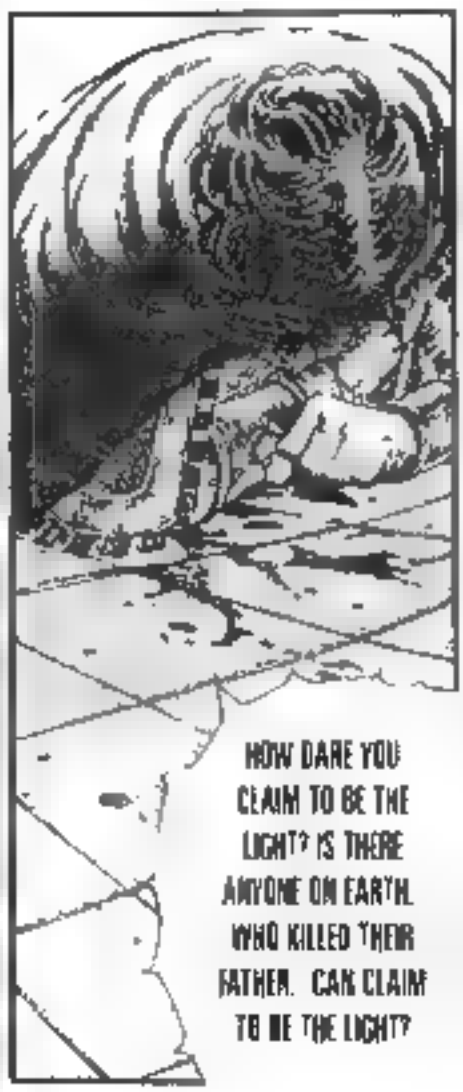
PON

SFX: CRASH


MY SURNAME IS LU. IT CANNOT BE CHANGED BY THE LIKES OF DING AND DONG.

DONG AND DING... WERE JUST TWO... JUST TWO PEOPLE WHO WERE USED..

THAT'S CORRECT. YOU'RE A LU LU AND I AM A DONG..


HOW DARE YOU CLAIM TO BE THE LIGHT? IS THERE ANYONE ON EARTH WHO KILLED THEIR FATHER. CAN CLAIM TO BE THE LIGHT?

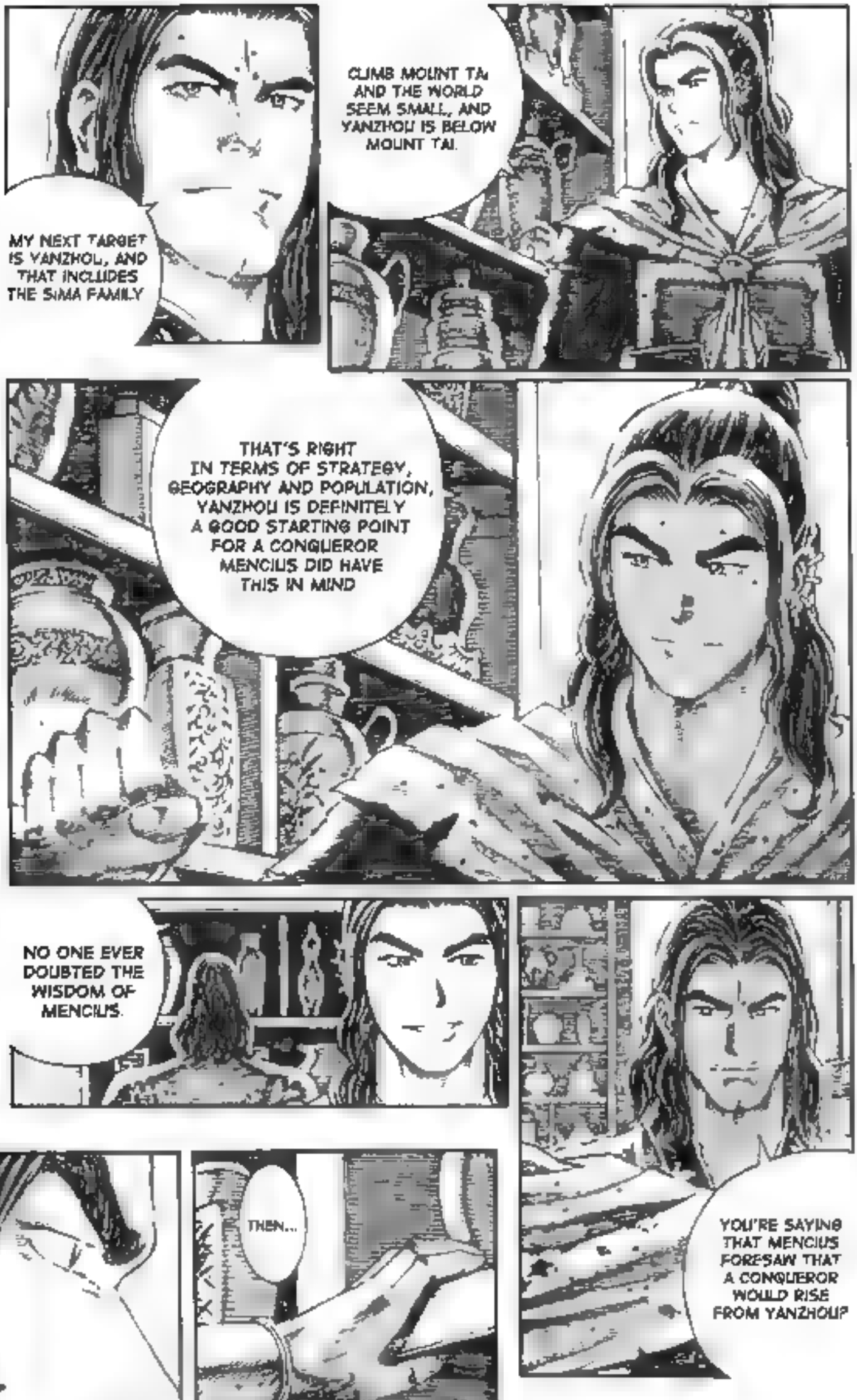
THEY WERE BURNED TO ASHES!
THEY WERE TAKEN IN BY YOUR SHINING.. BRIGHT LIGHT..
LIU BANG!
YOU ARE DECEITFUL AND DISHONOURABLE IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE. HOW CAN [illegible] SELF TO BE LIGHT?
GAOZU LIU BANG WAS HE NOT DECEITFUL AND DISHONOURABLE? DID HE NOT KILL MANY COURT OFFICIALS? WITH ALL THE UGLY THINGS HE HAD DONE . WAS HE OF THE LIGHT?
NOTE: GAOZU MEANS "HIGH PROGENITOR" LIU BANG WAS THE FIRST EMPEROR OF THE HAN DYNASTY.
BUT IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM, HOW WOULD WE HAVE GOTTEN THE GREAT AND POWERFUL HAN?
A GRAND DYNASTY THAT WEATHERED FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.

THE WORLD IS BASED ON THE PEOPLE. THE CITIZENS LOOK TO BENEVOLENT RULERS TO FEED THEM AND PROTECT THEM FROM WARS AND DISASTERS.
NO ONE HAS EVER SAID CONQUERORS WERE GOOD MEN. YOU DON'T NECESSARILY GET TO DECIDE WHETHER YOU ARE SEEN AS GOOD OR BAD
YOU ARE A MAN WHO INFLICTS WARS IN THE HEARTS OF THE CITIZENS. YOU ARE THE ABSOLUTE DARKNESS.
AND I AM A MAN WHO CAN IMMEDIATELY BRING PEACE TO THE CHAOS. TO THE IGNORANT MASSES, I AM THE SHINING LIGHT

CAN YOU DO IT?
YOU'RE LATE
THERE WAS A BIT OF A DELAY THE THIRD CAMP IS OUTSIDE.
HUN... HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HAVE DIED?

NOW FOR THE FINAL ACT.
RIGHT! WITH DONG ZHUO DEAD THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS WILL BE BLAMED
AND THE MASTERMIND LI RU FAILED TO ESCAPE AND DIED BY YOUR HALBERD
NOW, ALL I NEED TO DO IS TO RUSH OUT AND THE CLIMAX OF THE SHOW WILL COMMENCE.
EXCELLENT, DONG ZHUO'S COHORTS ARE ALL DEAD, ALL OF THE OBSTACLES ARE GONE.
YES, WITH HIS ABILITY, HE CAN REALLY DO IT!

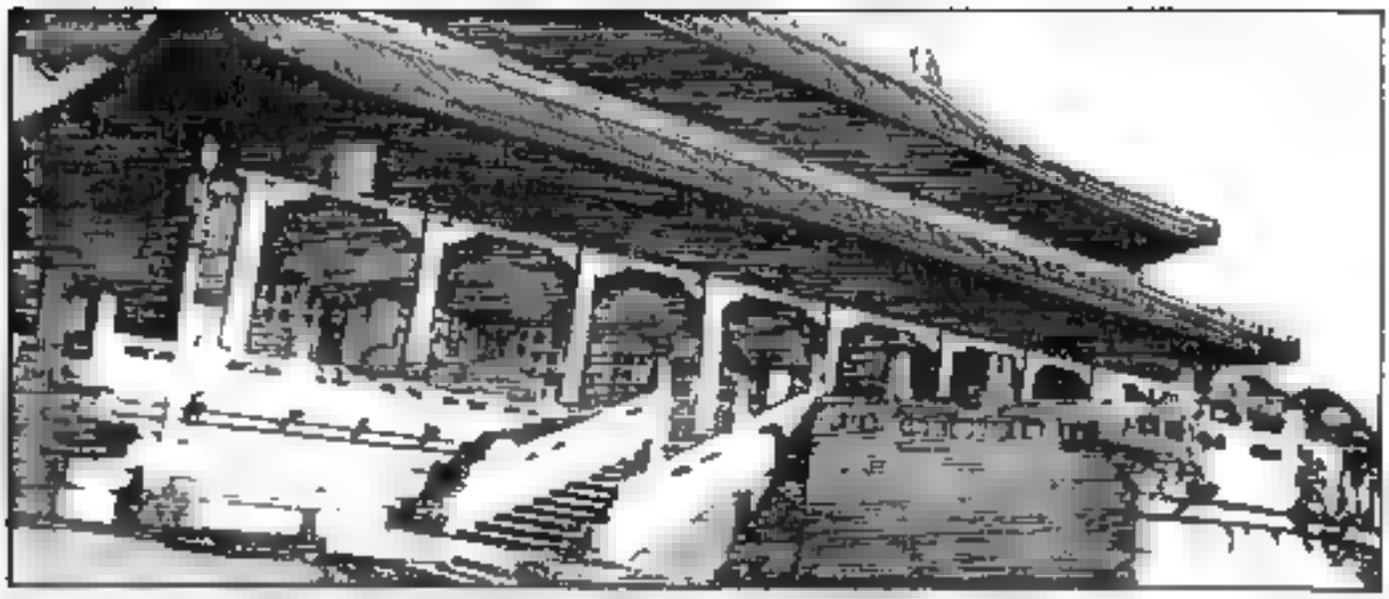
MY MEN WILL GO WITH YOURS TO COLLECT THE HOSTAGES,
AND MY LIFE WILL BE DETERMINED BY MY OWN HANDS.
SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD, BUT
I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM SOMETHING YOU SAID
GO AHEAD!
BUT THERE MIGHT BE [redacted] WILL GO BACK ON THEIR WORD? OR IS SOMEONE AFRAID OF DYING?
THE FILIAL SON WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES WILL PROCLAIM HE HAS KILLED THE ASSASSIN.


MY NEXT TARGET IS YANZHOU, AND THAT INCLUDES THE SIMA FAMILY
CLIMB MOUNT TAI AND THE WORLD SEEM SMALL, AND YANZHOU IS BELOW MOUNT TAI.
THAT'S RIGHT IN TERMS OF STRATEGY, GEOGRAPHY AND POPULATION, YANZHOU IS DEFINITELY A GOOD STARTING POINT FOR A CONQUEROR MENCIUS DID HAVE THIS IN MIND
NO ONE EVER DOUBTED THE WISDOM OF MENCIUS.
YOU'RE SAYING THAT MENCIUS FORESAW THAT A CONQUEROR WOULD RISE FROM YANZHOU?
THEN...

THAT MAN SHALL BE ME!
THERE'S SOME-ONE.
BEHIND THE CABINET?

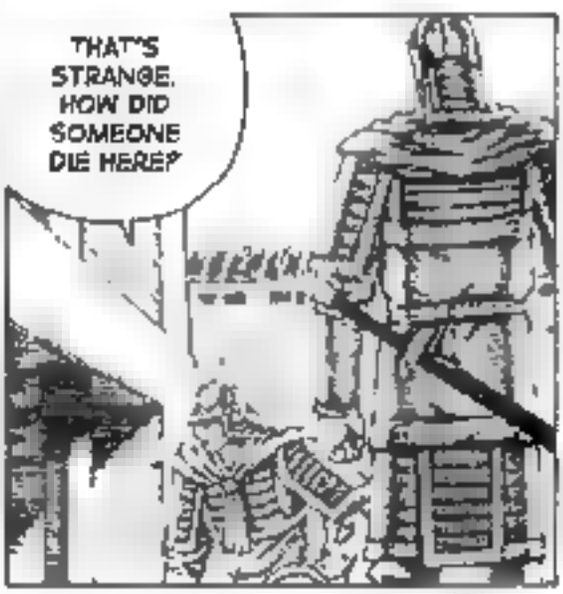
SFX: CRASH
SFX: SWISH
PON SHI
THERE ARE MANY EXTRAORDINARY MEN AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT TAI. IF YOU WISH TO CLIMB IT..

YOU WILL HAVE TO ASK THIS NATIVE FIRST.



KILL ALL OF LI RU'S COHORTS, LEAVE NO ONE ALIVE! HURRY!
REPORTING! OTHER THAN THE ONES IN THE PALACE, THERE SHOULD BE NONE LEFT

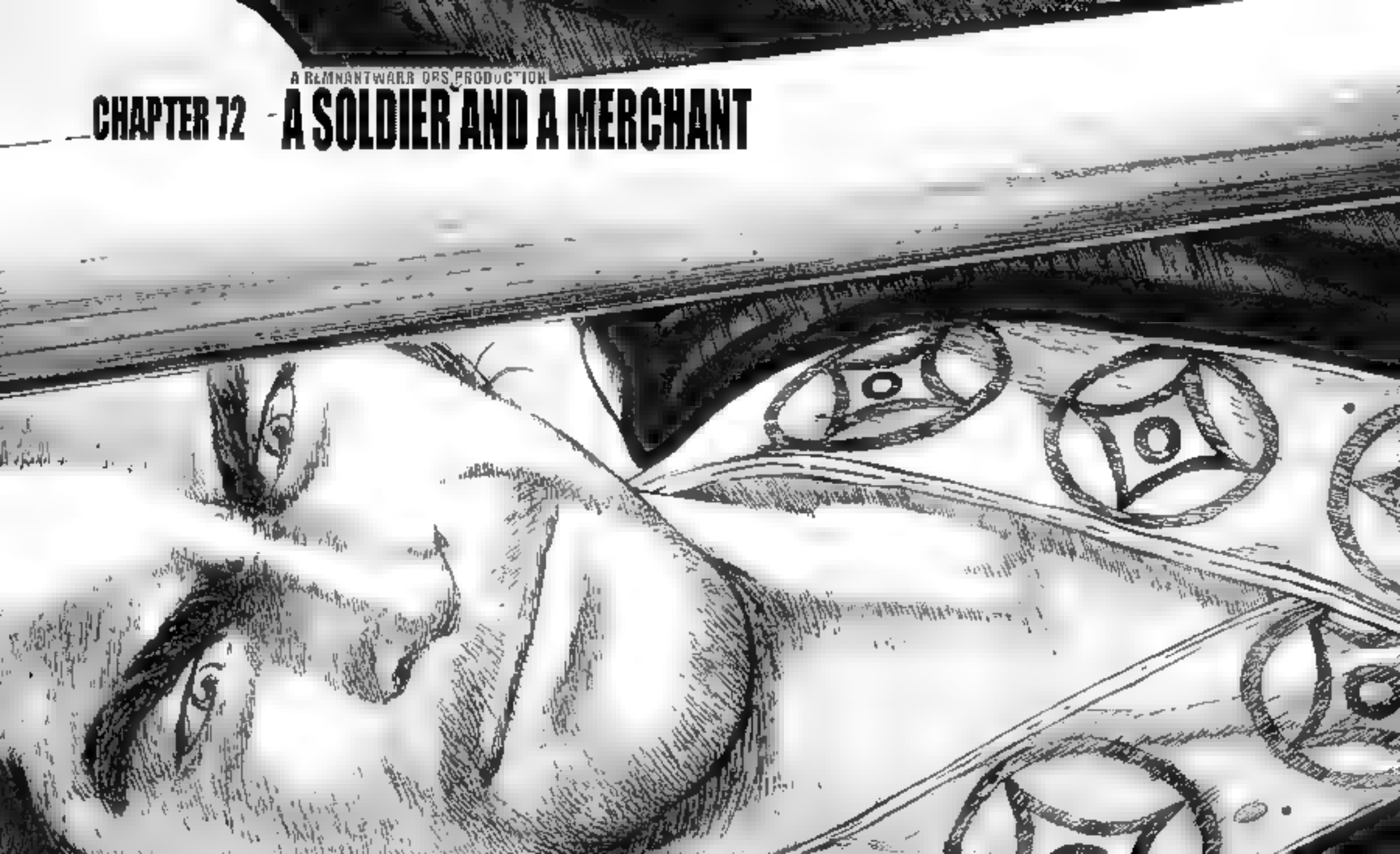
FROM HIS EXPRESSION, HE DIED PAINLESSLY
ISN'T HE LI RU'S CONFIDANT TIAN DU?


THAT'S STRANGE. HOW DID SOMEONE DIE HERE?

WHOEVER KILLED HIM WAS NO ORDINARY MAN!

A REMNANTWARR ORS PRODUCTION

CHAPTER 72 - A SOLDIER AND A MERCHANT



LU BU, ARE YOU NOT AFRAID OF DEATH?

SFX: SLAP
PA
YOU KNOW WHO I AM.
MASTER IS GOING TO MAKE HIS MOVE
NO, I'M JUST MORE CAUTIOUS. WHO ARE YOU?
YOU WANT TO SAVE WANG YUN? I'M AFRAID YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES.

SFX: CLANG
DRAWING
I'D SUGGEST YOU BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU SAY

SFX SLAP
THE FIRST STRIKE WAS QUICK. UNFORTUNATELY *DEATH IS ALSO QUICK!*
PA
I'M TALKING TO HIM. THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU!

HEH HEH!
HEH HEH HEH!
A DEAF-MUTE? THE SCARIEST HANDICAPPED WARRIOR.
THIS GUY THINKS YOU'RE INSULTING HIM.
THAT'S CORRECT! I AM THE MAN BEHIND IT ALL.
THEN ALL OF THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED, SO...

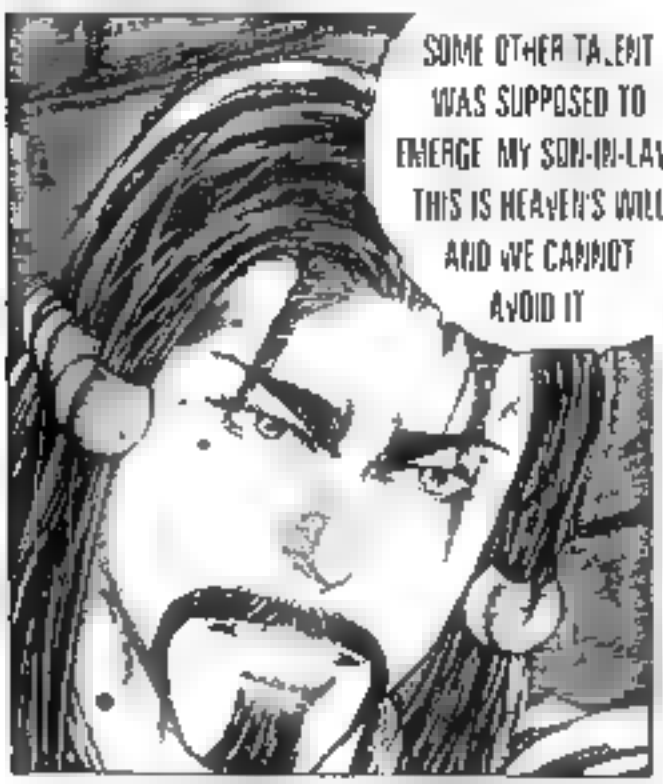
SUCH A YOUNG KID.
YOU KNOW VERY WELL YOU CAN'T TAKE WANG YUN WITH YOU, SO WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I'M HERE FOR ZHANG LIAO
NO, YOU'RE HERE FOR DONG ZHUO'S EDICT DECLARING LU BU'S BETRAYAL
DUKE OF WEN, IT'S AN HONOR.

OH! YOU'RE GOING TO USE IT TO THREATEN ME? DID YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON IT?
FORTUNATELY, IT FELL INTO MY HANDS.
YOU'RE SAYING WHAT I HAVE IN MY HANDS IS A FORGERY? BULLSHIT!
NO... IT'S REAL. BUT...

DELIVER TO XILIANG?!
THERE ARE TWO COPIES OF THE EDICT. ONE WAS TO BE READ AT CHANGAN. AND THE OTHER WAS GIVEN TO TIAN DU TO DELIVER TO XILIANG..
UNFORTUNATELY.. TIAN DU IS ALREADY. HEAVEN'S WILL IS UNPREDICTABLE!

YOU'RE NOT DEAD YET?
FATHER-IN-LAW (LAUGH) DEATH FOLLOWS GENERALS OF DEFEATED ARMIES
HA HA! THAT'S CORRECT! THAT IS THE ESSENCE OF AUTHORITY OVER THE NATION. ONCE YOU REALIZE IT YOU BECOME SERENE
HEAVEN'S WILL IS THUS YOUR SON-IN-LAW IS NOW AT PEACE
LI RU...

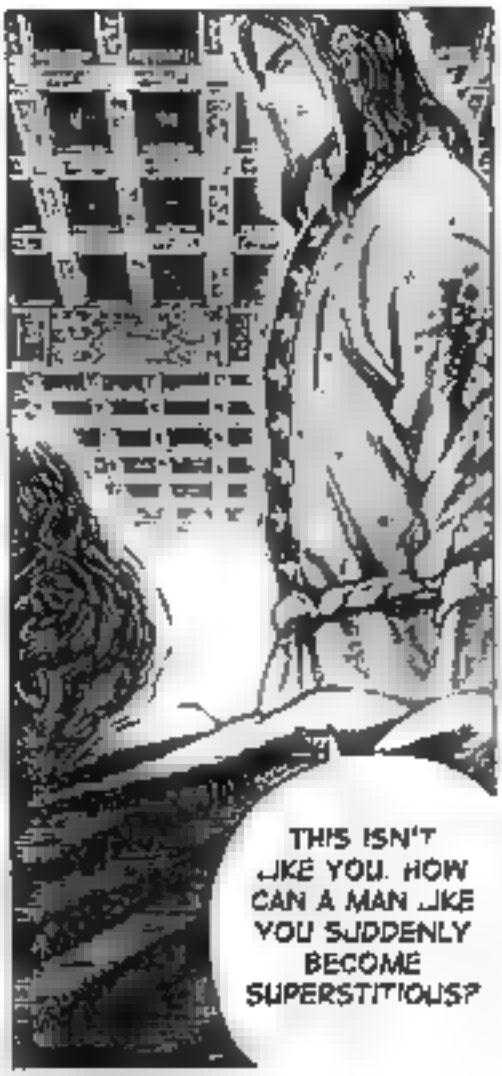
IT'S JUST TALK BEFORE THE LAST NAIL IN THE COFFIN, I WAS ONLY SOMEONE WHO IGNITED THE CHAOS IN THE WORLD.
BUT YOU ARE NOT THIS PERSON.



NOTE: EMPEROR YAO AND SHUN WERE THE MYTHOLOGICAL RULERS WHO ESTABLISHED THE CHINESE CIVILIZATION. ACCORDING TO CONFUCIUS, RULERS SHOULD EMULATE THE SAGE AND WISE EMPERORS OF YAO AND SHUN

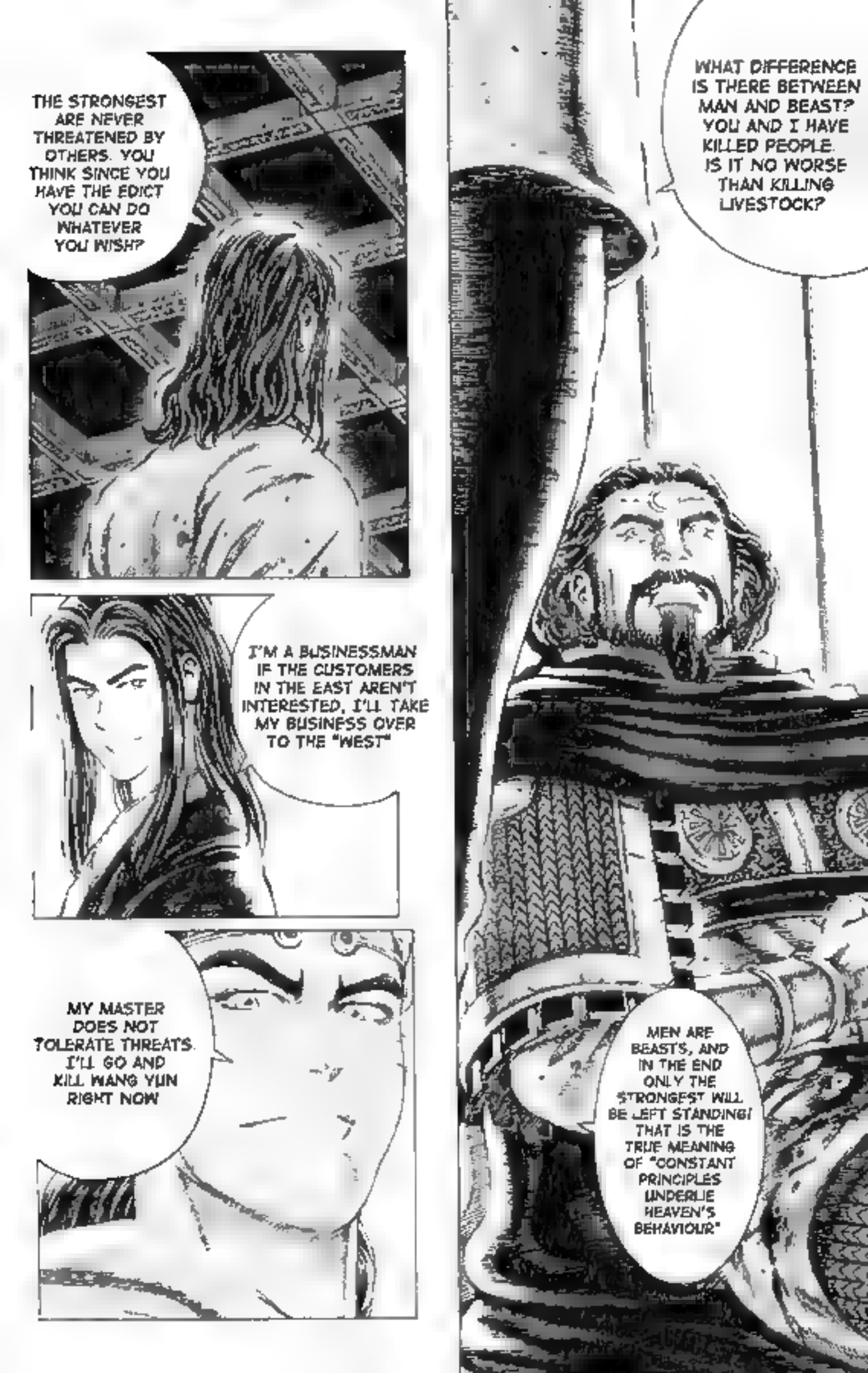
THERE IS NO ONE WHO IS FOREVER VICTORIOUS. LU BU. BEFORE I DIE I WANT TO SAY ONE PHRASE
MENCIUS SAID "ANYBODY COULD BECOME YAO OR SHUN."

I DID NOT BELIEVE IN HEAVEN AND HEAVEN SCORNED ME!
IT WAS ORDAINED! I NURTURED A TIGER TO COURT DISASTER! DAMN YOU TO HE... BEAST!
(DOMESTIC ANIMAL = CHIKUSHO, EXPLETIVE)



XUN ZI SAID: CONSTANT PRINCIPLES UNDERLIE HEAVEN'S BEHAVIOUR. HEAVEN DOES NOT PREVAIL BECAUSE YOU ARE THE SAGE YAO OR DISAPPEAR BECAUSE YOU ARE THE TYRANT JIE.

NOTE: XUN ZI WAS A PHILOSOPHER DURING THE WARRING STATES WHO DEVELOPED A DOCTRINE ON REALISM AND MATERIALISM


THE STRONGEST ARE NEVER THREATENED BY OTHERS. YOU THINK SINCE YOU HAVE THE EDICT YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WISH?
I'M A BUSINESSMAN IF THE CUSTOMERS IN THE EAST AREN'T INTERESTED, I'LL TAKE MY BUSINESS OVER TO THE "WEST"
MY MASTER DOES NOT TOLERATE THREATS. I'LL GO AND KILL WANG YUN RIGHT NOW
WHAT DIFFERENCE IS THERE BETWEEN MAN AND BEAST? YOU AND I HAVE KILLED PEOPLE. IS IT NO WORSE THAN KILLING LIVESTOCK?
MEN ARE BEASTS, AND IN THE END ONLY THE STRONGEST WILL BE LEFT STANDING! THAT IS THE TRUE MEANING OF "CONSTANT PRINCIPLES UNDERLIE HEAVEN'S BEHAVIOUR"

HAND OVER THE EDICT, OR DEATH IS CERTAIN!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW? WANG YUN WAS BEING HIDDEN IN THE PALACE
I WAS IN THE PALACE THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS .. DAMN IT! I WAS FOOLED
DO YOU THINK THAT ANYONE WHO'S WILLING TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS ERA WOULD BE AFRAID OF DEATH?
IF WANG YUN ISN'T RELEASED IN A SHICHEN. THE MESSENGER OUTSIDE WILL DELIVER THE EDICT, RIGHT?
NOTE: 1 SHICHEN = 2 HOURS
HA HA HA HA !
ONCE THE XILIANG ARMY ARRIVES. THEY'LL SURROUND THE CITY AND DEMAND AN ANSWER. YOU'LL BE DEAD AND CUT TO PIECES WITHIN 3 DAYS!
ZHANG LIAO! DO IT!

IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME, DO IT QUICK AND PREVENT SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.
PLEASE KILL WANG YUN AND HIS FAMILY AS WELL!
ARE YOU NOT AFRAID OF DEATH?
NO, I JUST FEEL THAT WHEN YOU DO BUSINESS, YOU HAVE TO BE CUTTHROAT
HA HA HA!

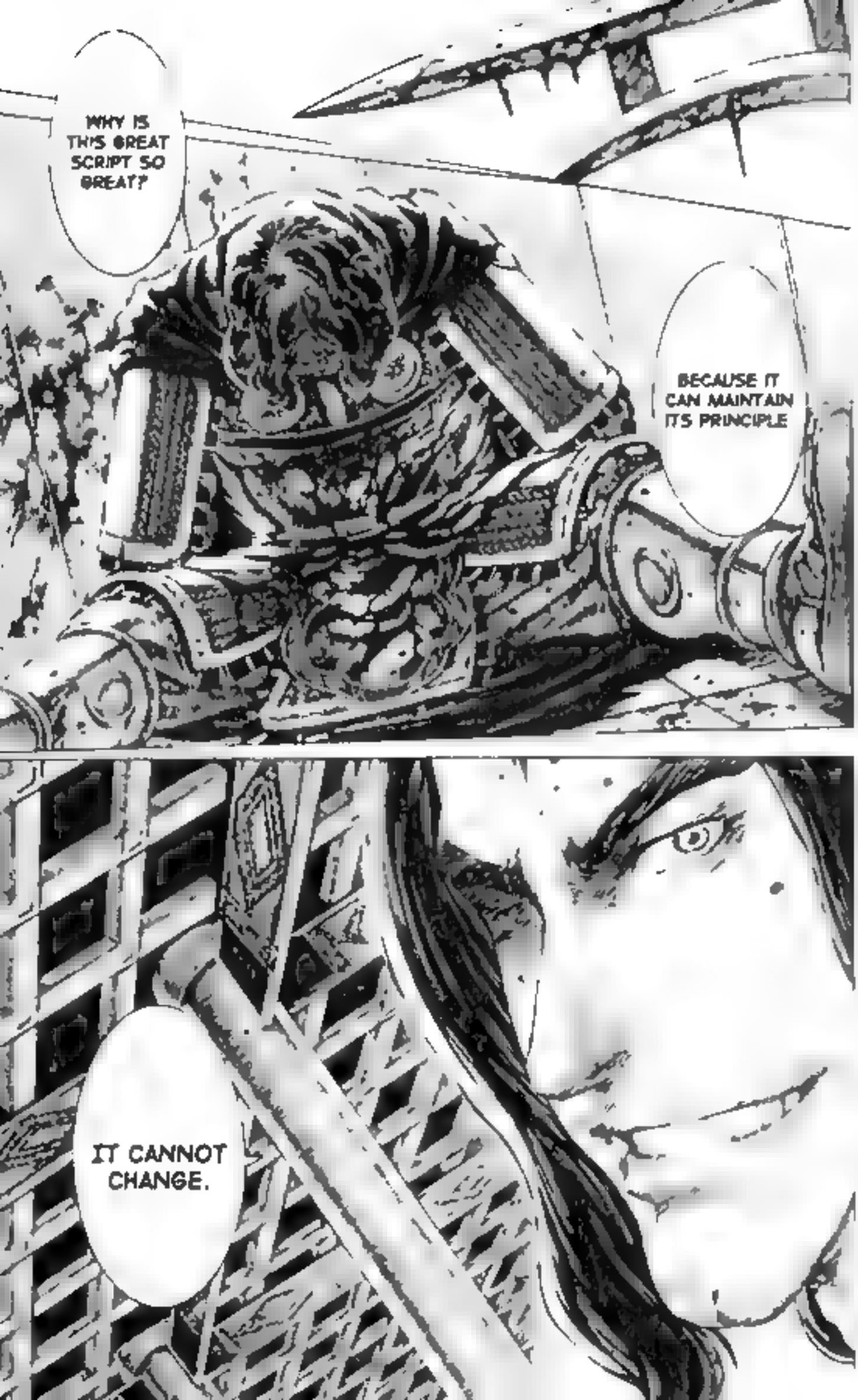
LU BU! YOU CAN'T EVEN HANDLE THIS KID!
SPEAKING OF CUTTHROAT! HE'S MORE VICIOUS THAN YOU! HA HA HA!
WHY IS AN INVINCIBLE MAN LIKE YOU SCARED OF A KID LIKE THIS?
HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
IN THE END THE STRONGEST IS LEFT STANDING BEFORE THE EYES OF HEAVEN! HA HA HA!

SHH
QUIET!
I'M THINKING ...

LET'S GO!
SHU
PON
SFX: STAB

I, LI RU,
IN THIS ERA,
HEGH
PA

AM JUST AN INSIGNIFICANT CHARACTER
YOU'VE MADE YOUR DECISION?
NO ONE HAS EVER THREATENED ME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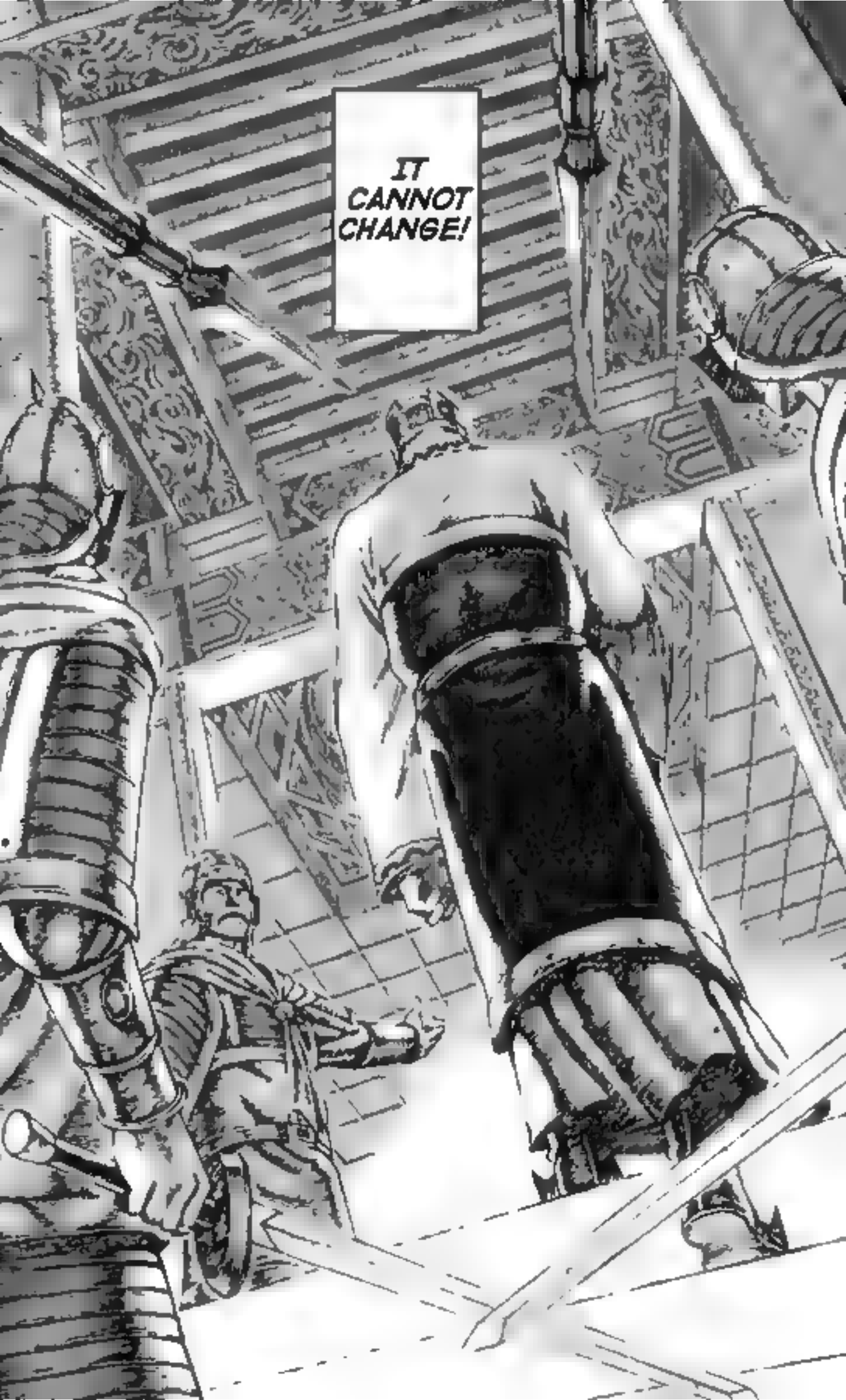
BECAUSE IT CAN MAINTAIN ITS PRINCIPLE
IT CANNOT CHANGE.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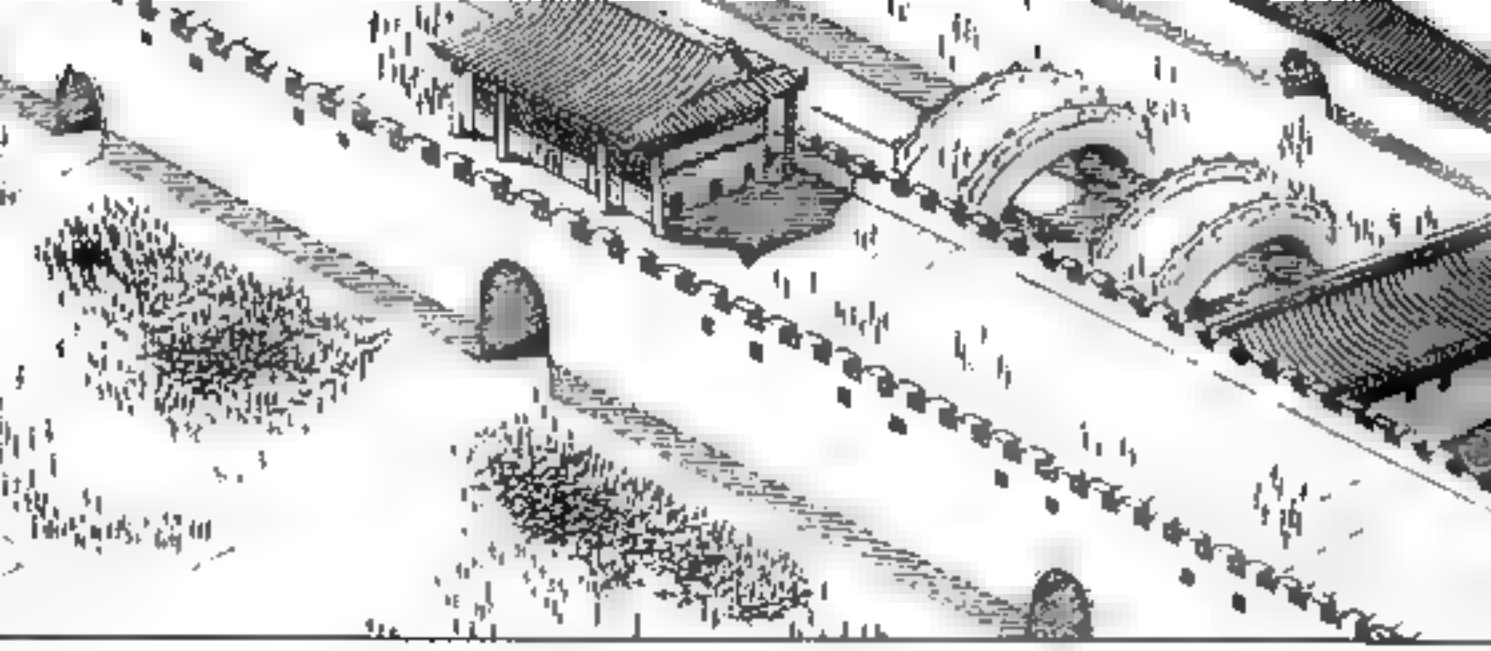
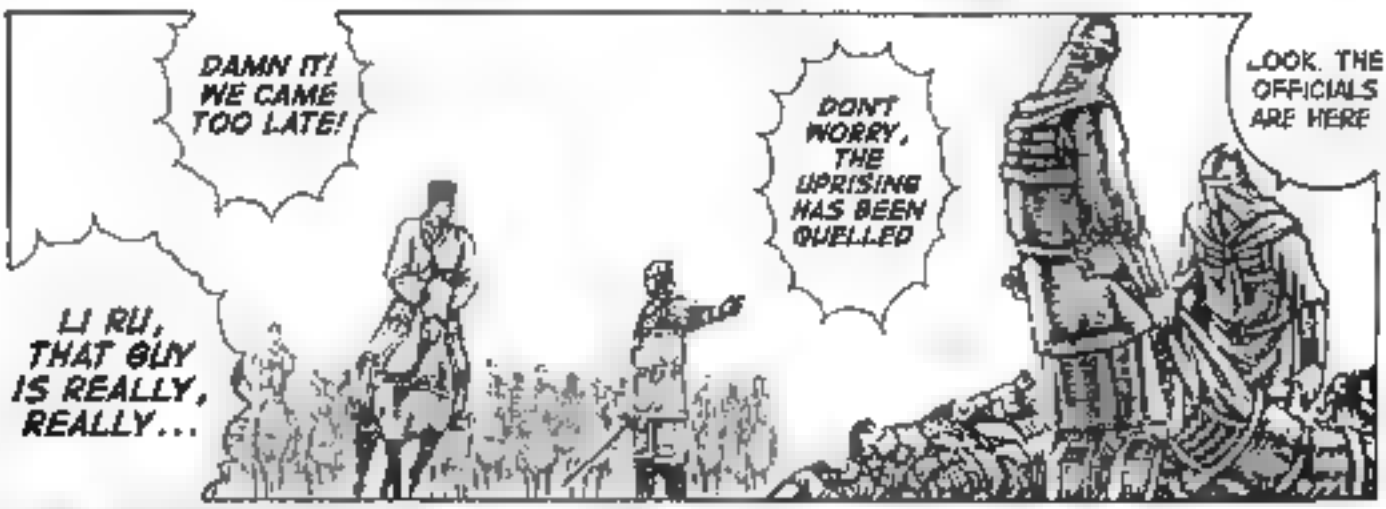
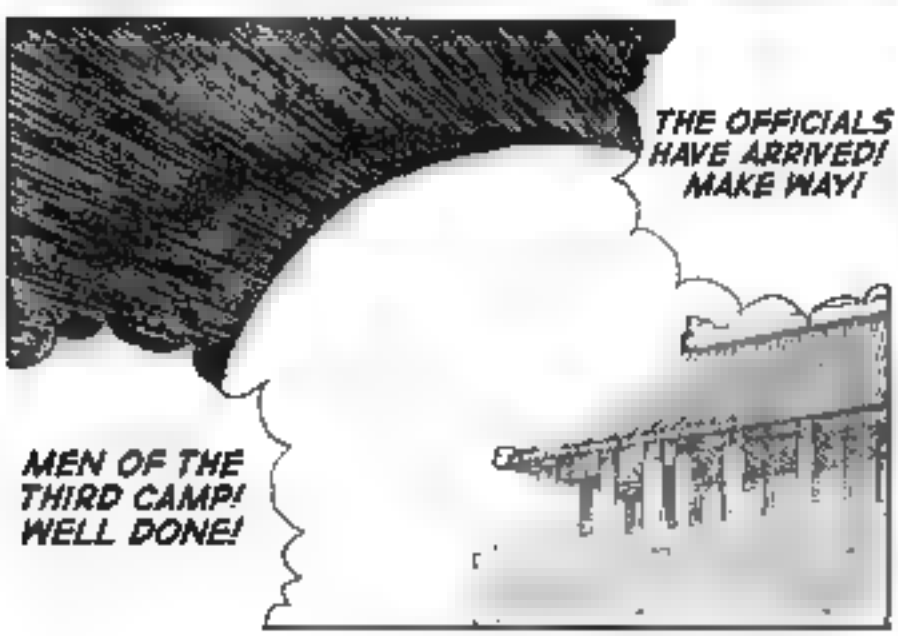
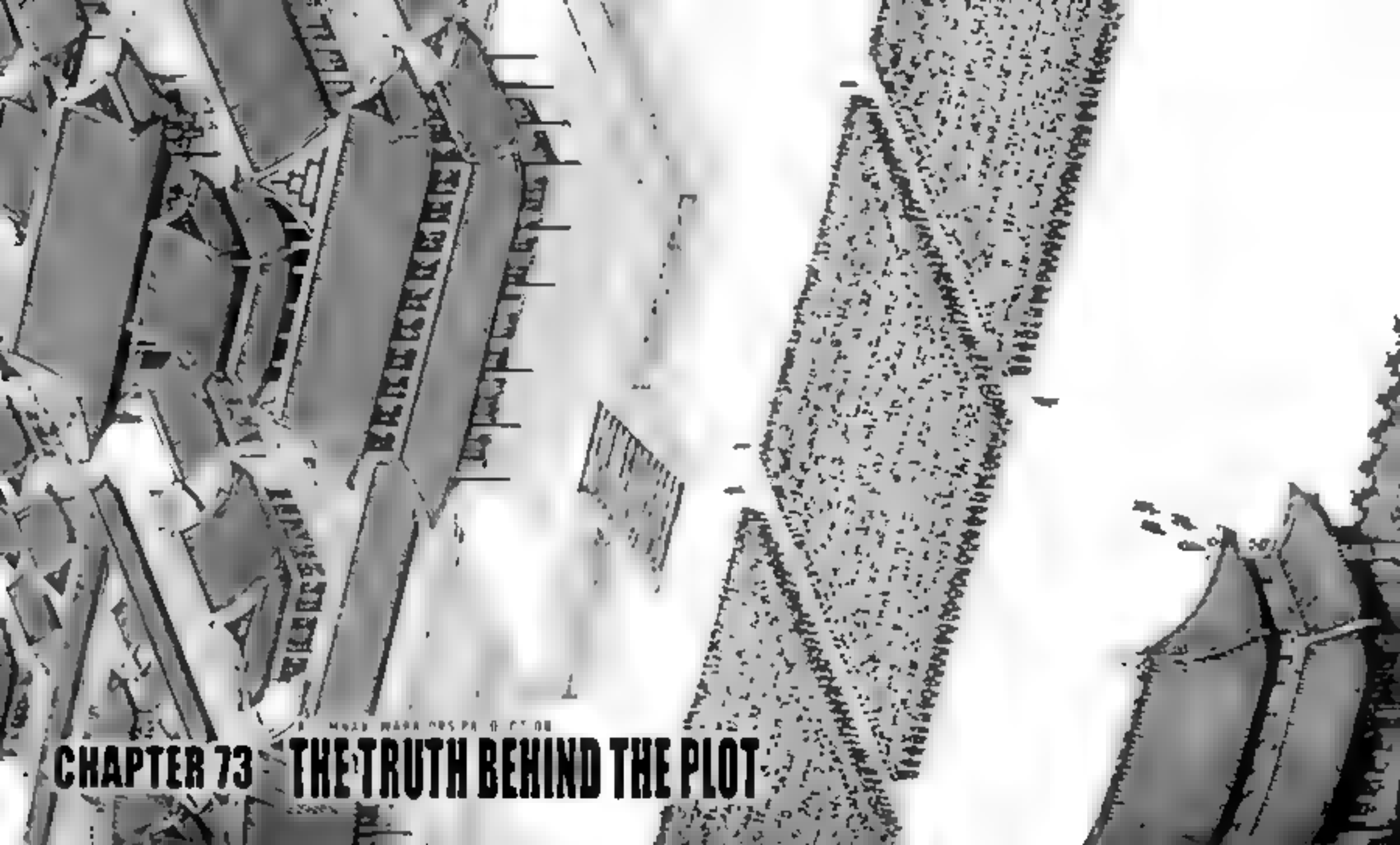



DAMN IT! WE CAME TOO LATE!
DON'T WORRY, THE UPRISING HAS BEEN QUELLED
LOOK. THE OFFICIALS ARE HERE
LI RU, THAT GUY IS REALLY, REALLY...

DAREN, HAS HIS HIGHNESS BEEN INFORMED?
DON'T WORRY, I'VE ALREADY SENT SOMEONE

MAKE WAY! THE OFFICIALS ARE GOING IN!
OPEN THE GATE! OPEN THE GATE NOW!


THE OFFICIALS HAVE ARRIVED! MAKE WAY!
MEN OF THE THIRD CAMP! WELL DONE!



CHAPTER 73 THE TRUTH BEHIND THE PLOT

DONG TAISHI I'M AFRAID THAT HE'S ALREADY.
WHAT IS THE SITUATION OF THE THIRD CAMP?
SECRETARIAT
DAMN THAT LI RUI HOW DARE HE ASSASSINATE DONG TAISHI FOR SELFISH AMBITION!
THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! IT'S A DISGRACE!
CRASH
SECRETARIAT DAREN, WANG YUN DAREN IS NOT AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASSUME COMMAND!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO IN!

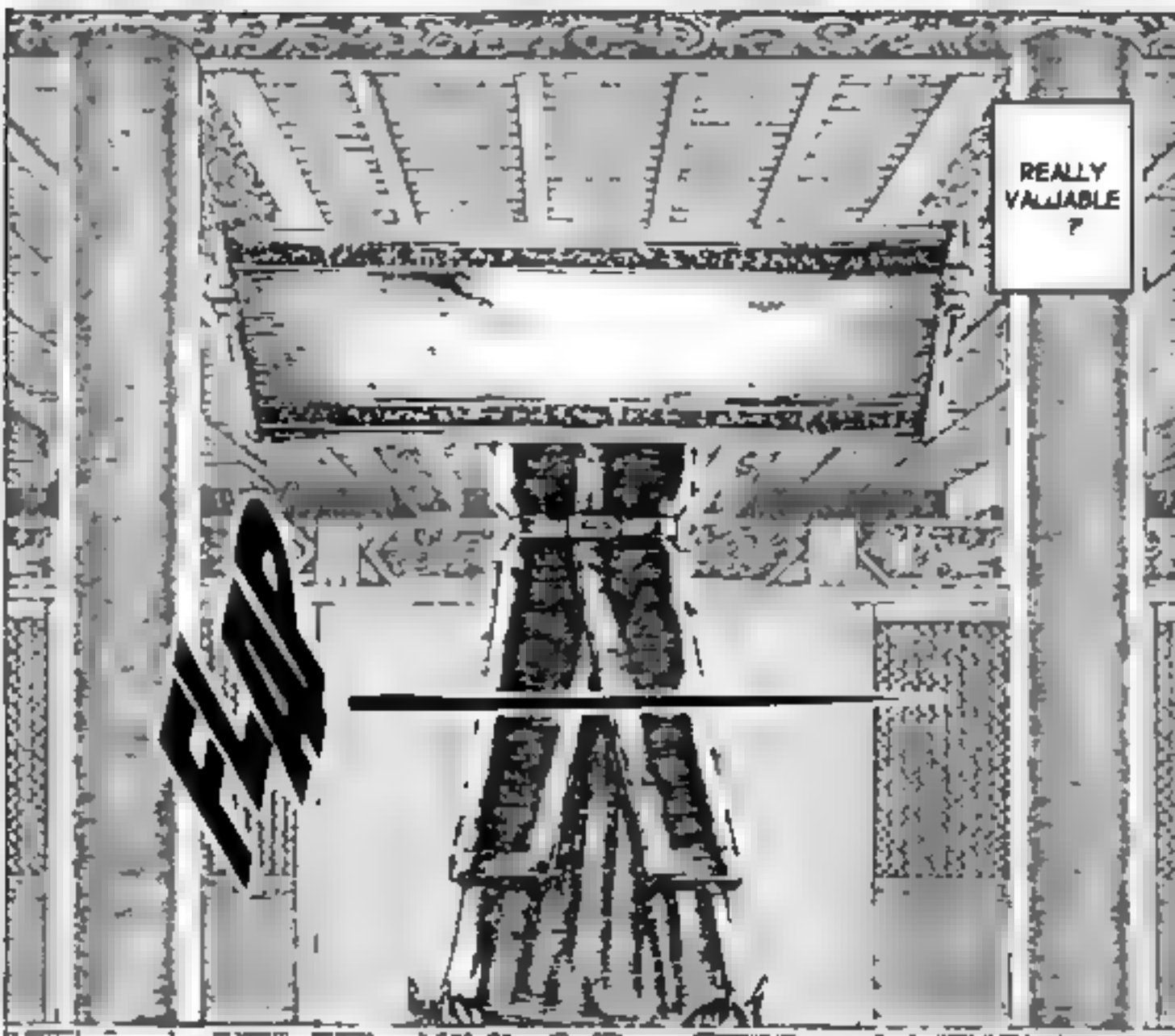
FLOP
ISN'T. ISN'T THAT DON@ DAREN'S CONFIDANT..
HOW...?
GASP

HANDICAPPED HANDICAPPED WARRIORS?
THAT MAN IS SHI SUN RUI.
THEY'RE STILL ALIVE! THEY'RE STILL KILLING PEOPLE!
SECRETARIAT DAREN! PLEASE GIVE US THE ORDER!
THE LAST STEP HAS COME

IF IT'S SO...
DAREN! LI RU'S CRIMES HAVE BEEN PROVEN, PLEASE GIVE THE ORDER!
LET US CHARGE IN!
KILL! CHARGE!
THEY'RE FINALLY HERE.
THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS AND LI RU CONSPIRED TO KILL DONG ZHUO. THE RESULT NEVER CHANGED
KILL!

YOU TRULY ARE AN IDIOT...
WAS SAVING ONE MAN WORTH THE SACRIFICE?
YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE TRUE MEANING OF FRIENDSHIP.

IN MY EYES, THERE'S ONLY VALUE
WELL, IS IT VALUABLE?


REALLY VALUABLE ?
FLIP

GASP

WHY IS HE HERE...?
HE ISN'T HE...

VERY VALUABLE

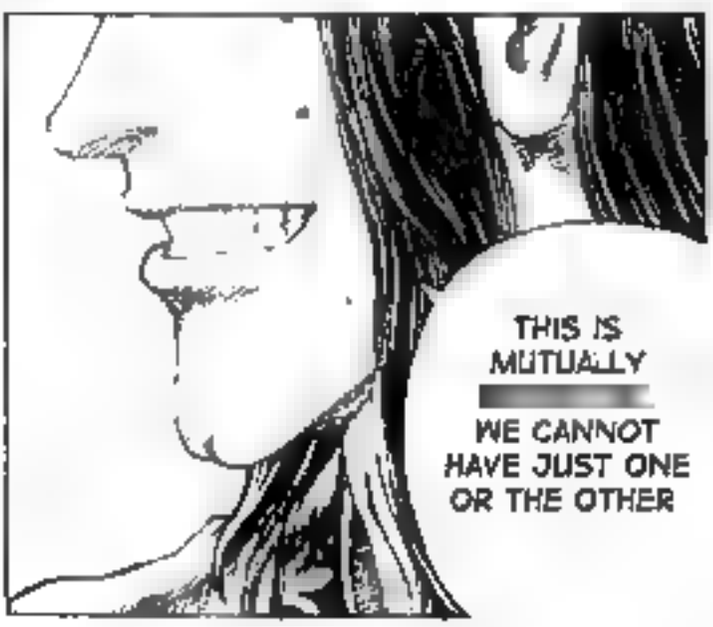
DONG TAISHI HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED BY TRAITORS!
BY THE EMPEROR'S EDICT, WANG YUN AND LU BU WILL ADMINISTER IMPERIAL AFFAIRS!

CORRECT! SINCE DONG ZHUO POSTED HIS TROOPS IN LUOYANG AND MOVED TO CHANGAN, WANG YUN HAS NEVER LEFT THE COURT
I KNOW HIS PERSONALITY
YOU UNDERSTAND THE DEEPER MEANING AS WELL?
WHEN DONG ZHUO DOMINATED THE COURT, HE USED WANG YUN'S REPUTATION TO KEEP THE BUREAUCRATS IN LINE.
CORRECT, ONLY I CAN RESTORE HIS POWER.
HE HAD THE POSITION BUT NOT THE POWER, WANG YUN WAS TRULY WEAKENED
A LOST PERSON NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF ANOTHER STRONG MAN

MEN HAVE A COMMON DISEASE
IF THEY'RE NOT LECHERS, THEY'RE POWER HUNGRY

YOU WERE RIGHT I DID NOT PLAN TO KILL HIM.
BECAUSE HE'S A PAWN WHO CAN BRING ME THE LOYALTY OF THE COURT OFFICIALS.

DOES ANYONE OBJECT?

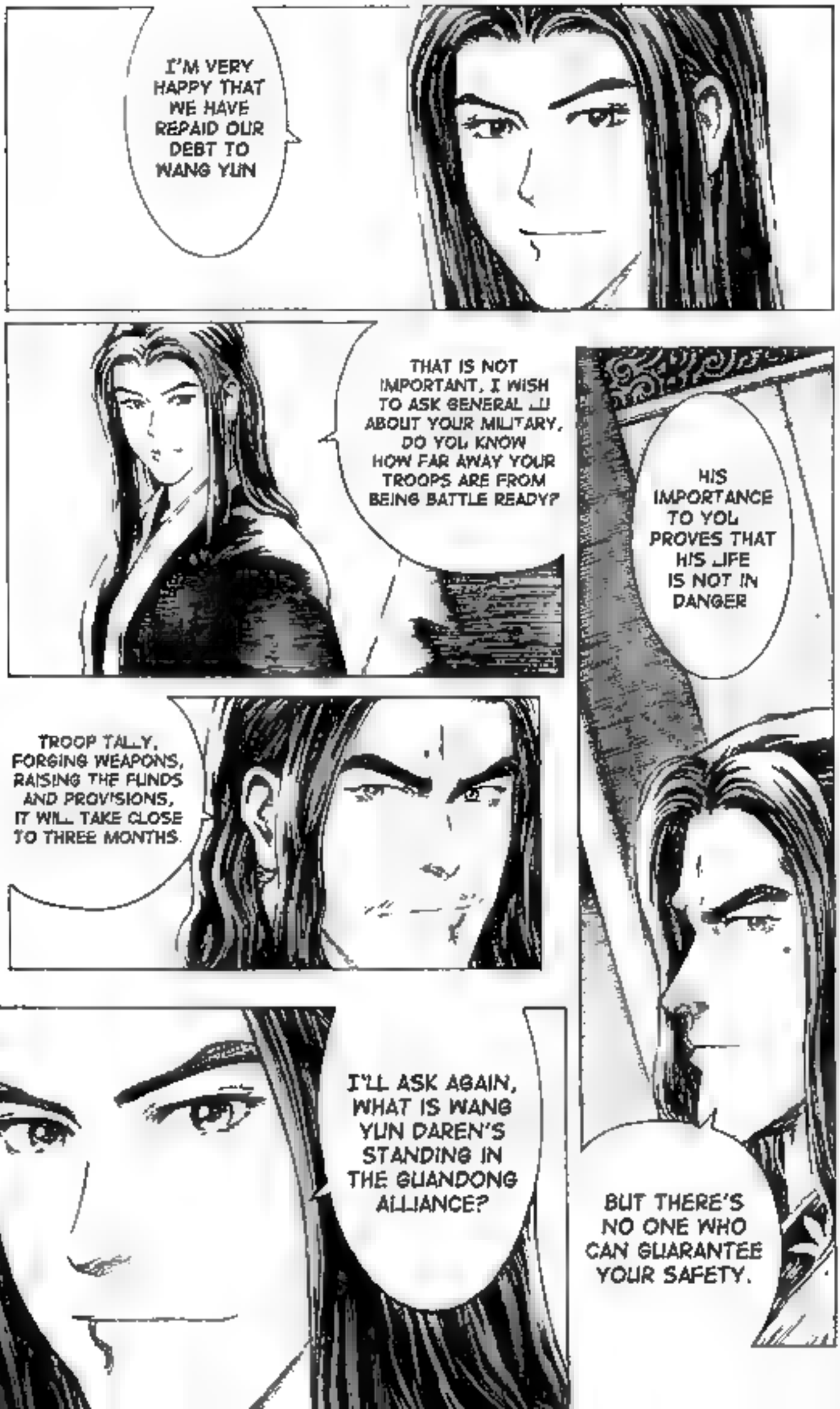

THIS IS MUTUALLY
WE CANNOT HAVE JUST ONE OR THE OTHER

WE OBEY THE EMPEROR'S EDICT!
AS LONG AS LU BU DAREN IS HERE, WE SOLDIERS HAVE NO OBJECTIONS!
EVERY-THING WAS SUCCESS-FUL.
THAT'S CORRECT THE IMPERIAL HOUSE HAS BEEN RESTORED.
AS LONG AS WANG YUN DAREN IS HERE, WE COURT OFFICIALS HAVE NO OBJECTIONS EITHER!

I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO TELL YOU.
NOW ALL OF DONG ZHUO'S CONFIDANTS ARE DEAD, AND NO ONE WILL KNOW HIS INTENTIONS THE EMPEROR IS ON MY SIDE
YOU WANT TO TELL ME THAT YOU WERE BEHIND THE UPRISING AROUND CHANGAN?
IN THE END, THE MILITARY AND THE COURT OFFICIALS WERE UNIFIED. THIS IS MY PERFECT PLAN.
THEY WILL FIGHT TO HOLD BACK THE FORCES FROM XILIANG. AS LONG AS THERE'S TIME TO STABILIZE CHANGAN, THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE ENOUGH TIME TO STOP XILIANG
THAT'S RIGHT, EVEN IF YOU DELIVER DONG ZHUO'S EDICT, THE IMPERIAL LOYALIST FORCES WEST OF CHANGAN WILL MOBILIZE.
WE NEVER STRAYED FROM THE SCRIPT, THE FUNNY THING WAS .. YOU DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO COME AND SAVE WANG YUN.
WHICH MEANS IT WOULD HAVE POINTLESS EVEN IF I HAVE DONG ZHUO'S EDICT?

WHAT'S FUNNIER, WANG YUN ASKED ME NOT TO KILL YOU.
BUT YOU NEVER ANTICIPATED THIS IN YOUR PLAN.
THAT'S RIGHT, I WILL KILL YOU IN SECRET.
HEUH

THIS IS TRULY A PERFECT SCRIPT.
OH?
UNFORTUNATELY, I ALSO HAVE A SCRIPT OF MY OWN, ALONG WITH A LITTLE LUCK.
WAIT, HE'S NOT INSULTING YOU.


I'M VERY HAPPY THAT WE HAVE REPAID OUR DEBT TO WANG YUN
THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT. I WISH TO ASK GENERAL LU ABOUT YOUR MILITARY. DO YOU KNOW HOW FAR AWAY YOUR TROOPS ARE FROM BEING BATTLE READY?
HIS IMPORTANCE TO YOU PROVES THAT HIS LIFE IS NOT IN DANGER
TROOP TALLY, FORGING WEAPONS, RAISING THE FUNDS AND PROVISIONS, IT WILL TAKE CLOSE TO THREE MONTHS.
I'LL ASK AGAIN, WHAT IS WANG YUN DAREN'S STANDING IN THE GUANDONG ALLIANCE?
BUT THERE'S NO ONE WHO CAN GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

HE IS A SENIOR COURT OFFICIAL AND DEEPLY RESPECTED.
THEN, WANG YUN COULD BE YOUR LAST RESORT, IF LU DAREN WERE TO BE UNFORTUNATELY DEFEATED AND LOSE CHANGAN.
THE XILIANG FORCES HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST ME
WANG YUN DAREN COULD USE HIS STANDING WITH THE REST OF THE LORDS AND HELP YOU CARVE OUT A SAFE TERRITORY
AFTER YOU LOSE CHANGAN .. YOU CAN ONLY GIVE UP THE EMPEROR TO SAVE YOUR LIFE YOU MAY NOT WANT TO, BUT THEY SAY HEAVEN MEDDLES IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. I BELIEVE YOU KNOW THAT TOO

YUAN SHAO AND GONGSUN ZAN HAVE JUST CONCLUDED THEIR BATTLE RIGHT?
RIGHT NOW YUAN SHAO'S TROOPS HAVEN'T EVEN DISARMED YET THEY CAN ATTACK CHANGAN ON A MOMENT'S NOTICE. IF YOU THINK THE GUANGDONG ARMY IS NOT READY, TOO BAD.
IF YOU WERE GOING TO KILL WANG YUN TO THREATEN ME, I'M AFRAID IF WANG YUN DIES, THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO KEEP THE PEACE IN THE CAPITAL.
THE THIRD CAMP IS COMING!
YOU COULD ALSO CHOOSE TO KILL ME, BUT WOULDN'T YUAN SHAO BE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS EDICT REGARDING THE UPRISING IN CHANGAN?

OR, DO YOU THINK YOU STILL HAVE ENOUGH TROOP STRENGTH TO COUNTER YOUR *GOOD FRIEND* YUAN SHAO?

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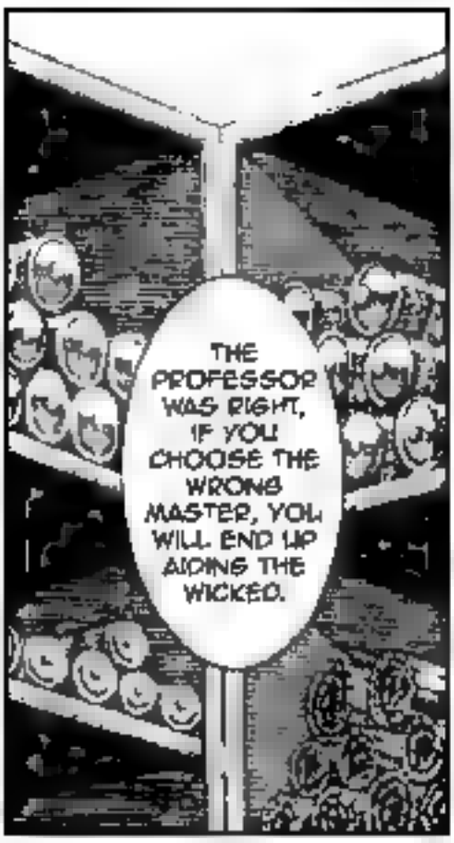
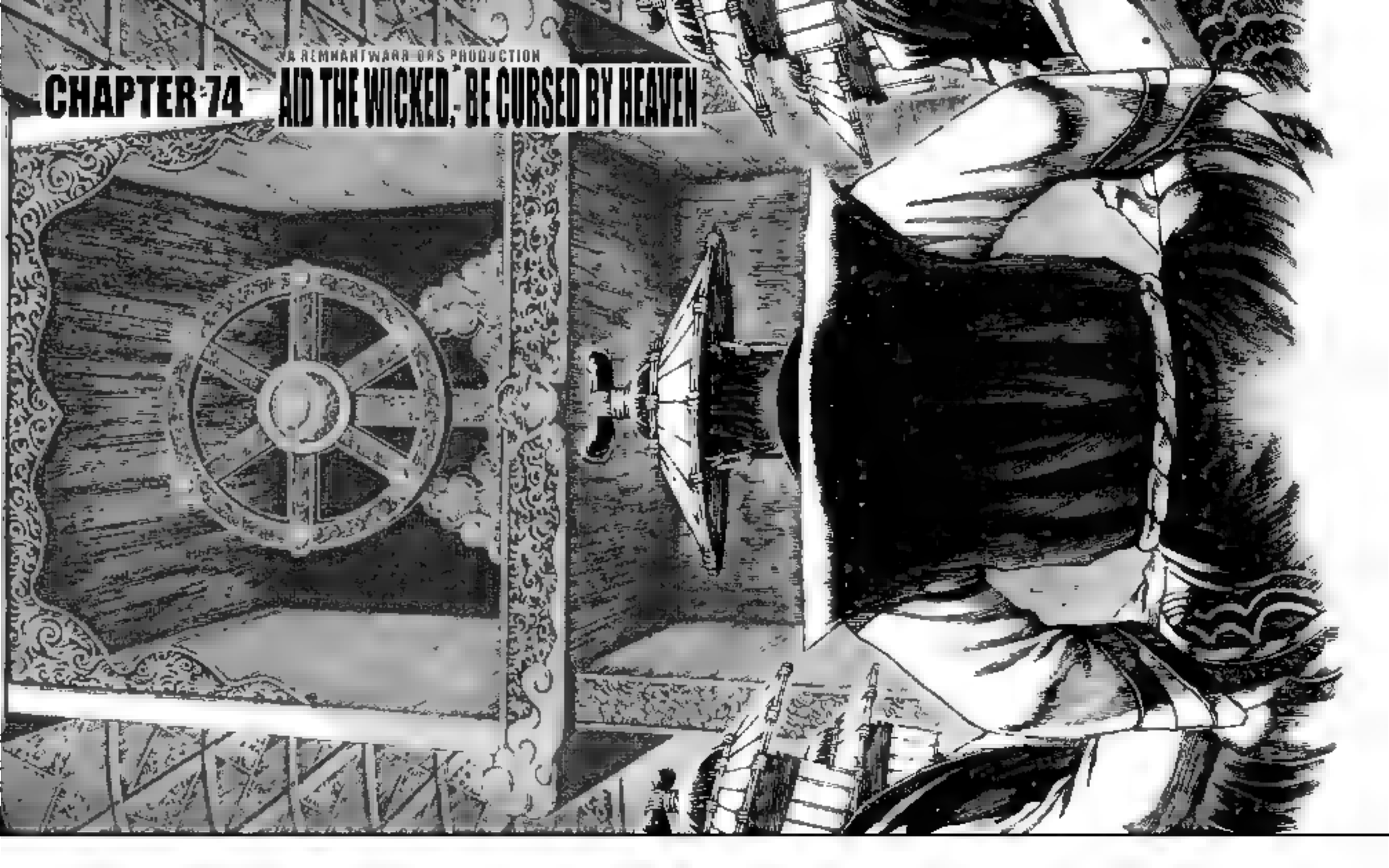
A TOY FROM XILIANS..
THE SEVEN STAR LANTERN OF LIFE

I DON'T BELIEVE IN IT, BUT..
LIFE IS SHORT, AND THE ONLY REGRET IS HAVING THE DESIRE WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY.

SEVENTH BROTHER! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BELIEVE IN SUCH THINGS!


THE PROFESSOR WAS RIGHT, IF YOU CHOOSE THE WRONG MASTER, YOU WILL END UP AIDING THE WICKED.

THIRD BROTHER SAID IT IS A BAD OMEN IF THE MAIN LANTERN GOES OUT.
YOU MEAN THAT THIS LANTERN WAS LIT BY THIRD BROTHER? DIDN'T THE PROFESSOR SAY...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CHAPTER 74
AID THE WICKED, BE CURSED BY HEAVEN

IT'S HEAVEN'S WILL...

THIRD BROTHER'S MASTER IS DEAD.

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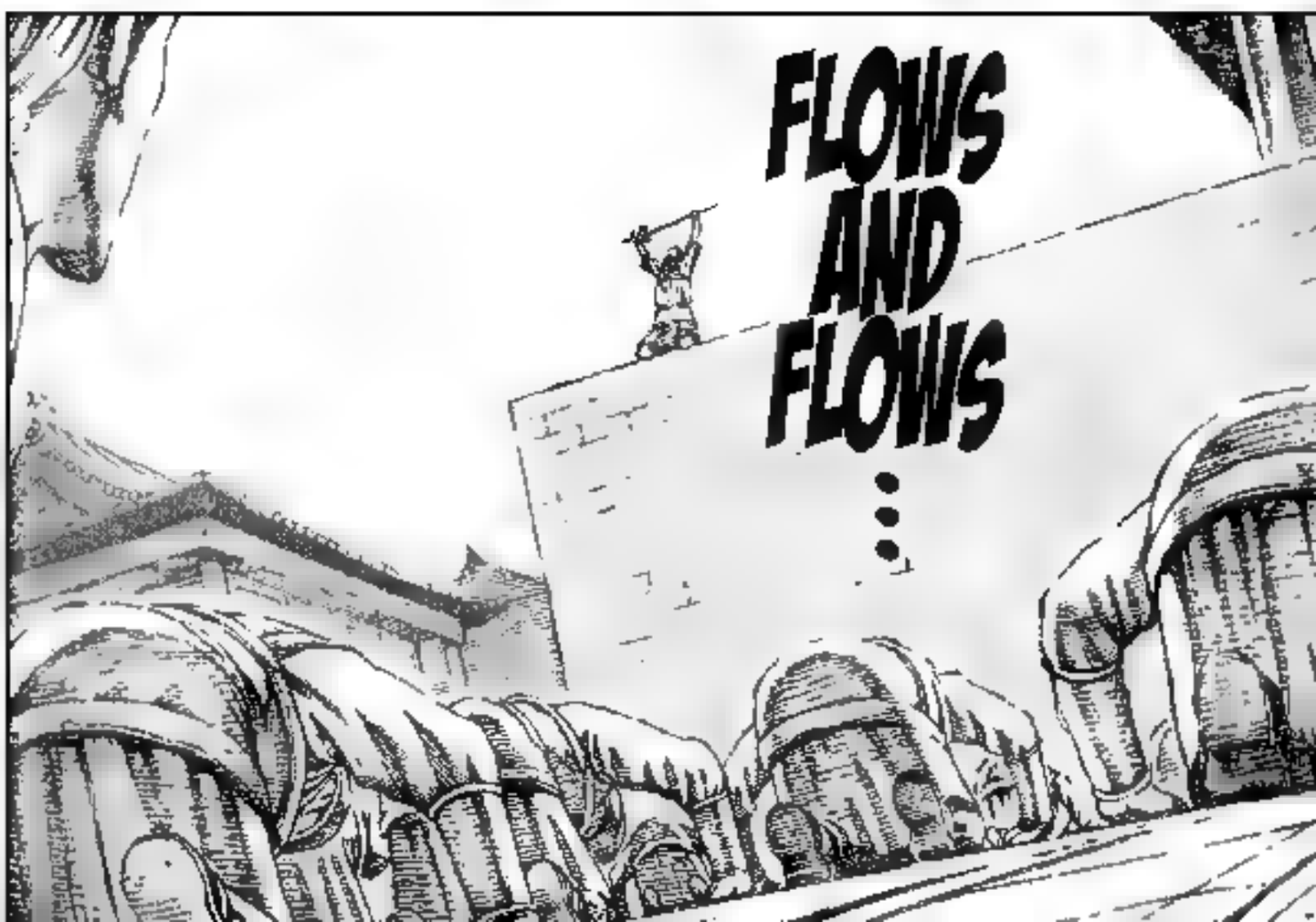
THE RIVER OF MARCH-
AH-


FLOWS AND FLOWS

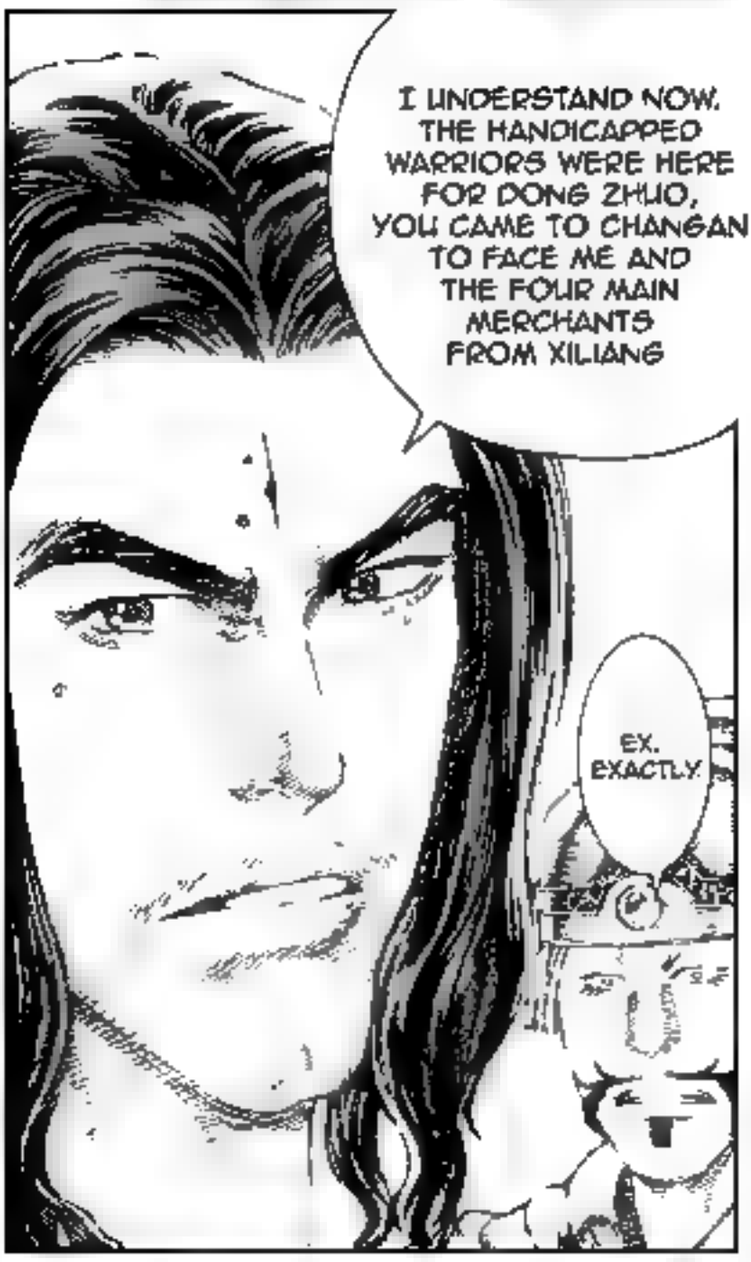
DO YOU FLOW TO THE AFTER-WORLD?

WH AH... DO YOU FLOW

THERE ARE TOO MANY SECRET PASSAGES. IT WON'T BE EASY FINDING THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS!
DON'T WORRY! LOOKS LIKE GENERAL LÜ IS AFTER THEM!
THAT'S LI RU'S BODY, GOOD JOB GENERAL LÜ!
DAMN IT, PULL THIS BASTARD'S BODY OUT AND WE'LL WHIP IT.
KA!
DON'T FORGET THAT THE SIMA FAMILY HAS EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING PALACES!
HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS SECRET PASSAGE?
IF YOU KNEW THAT I WOULDN'T KILL WANG YUN, WHY DID YOU COME?
HOW WOULD YOU SET YOUR PLAN IN MOTION WITHOUT THE SPARK FROM THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS?

A TYRANT WHO RULES WITH CRUELTY AND VIOLENCE WOULD LAY WASTE TO ALL LIVING BEINGS
I PERSONALLY DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANOTHER QIN SHI HUANG IN MY LIFE TIME
NOTE: QIN SHI HUANG WAS THE FIRST EMPEROR OF CHINA
THAT MEANS YOU WANTED DONG ZHUO DEAD TOO?
YOU BELIEVE I'M NOT LIKE HIM?
WANG YUN SAID BEFORE, IN THE ERA OF PEACE, THERE ARE MORE MEN OF LONGEVITY.
BUT IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN SWALLOW UP WANG YUN'S FACTION...
FOR THE SAKE OF WANG YUN QAREN'S POSITION, I'LL KEEP THE EDICT IN A SAFE PLACE.
YOU WOULD BE LIKE A TYRANT, BUT WANG YUN WON'T ALLOW IT. FORTUNATELY, YOU NEED EACH OTHER.

LÜ BU! THOSE MEN FROM WULITONG HAVE BEEN...
THE FOUR MAIN MERCHANTS?


I UNDERSTAND NOW. THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS WERE HERE FOR DONG ZHUO, YOU CAME TO CHANGAN TO FACE ME AND THE FOUR MAIN MERCHANTS FROM XILIANG
EX. EXACTLY.

THAT'S CORRECT, I'VE SENT THEM AWAY.

THEN YOU ARE DEAD WRONG!

YOU'VE SENT THEM BACK TO XILIANG?
WE ARE MERCHANTS... WE ONLY THINK OF WHAT BENEFITS US MOST, SO DUE TO WHAT I SAID, THEY TOOK THEIR FUNDS AND LEFT.
DAMN! THIS KID HAS SOME SKILLS!
HE CAN MIRE YOU IN A PROLONGED BATTLE, AS LONG AS THAT CONTINUES...
NIU FU'S TROOP STRENGTH IS SMALL, BUT WITH THE BACKING OF THE FOUR MERCHANTS...
THAT'S RIGHT! CUSTOMERS ARE HARD TO COME BY!
I WON'T HAVE TIME TO SETTLE THE SCORE WITH YOU?

YOU SHOULD LOOK AROUND BEFORE YOU ACT!

IF I WERE YOU...

DAMN IT! I'LL KILL YOU NOW!

SLAP

HAI

KID, I SWEAR TO GOD, ONE OF THESE DAYS...

ALL I NEED IS A YEAR'S TIME TO GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF CHANGAN. BESIDES...

A KID IS STILL A KID.

ONCE I PACIFY THOSE FOOLS IN XILIANG, WHAT'S THERE TO WORRY ABOUT NIU FU'S FACTION?

YOU'RE SAYING LÜ BU IS SWEARING AGAIN?

THAT GUY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HE SAYS

LIAOYUAN GONGZI HAS LEFT TO PICK UP XIAO MENG.

GONGZI! ISN'T THAT...

UNCLE WANG, I HOPE YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF!

HA HA, LÜ BU NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT WE NEVER HAD DONG ZHUO'S EDICT.
AS LONG AS WANG YUN HAS THIS "TRUMP CARD", HE CAN THREATEN LÜ BU. THANK GOODNESS GONGZI THOUGHT UP THIS IDEA!
ORDER HAS RETURNED TO THE CITY, LÜ BU'S PLAN HASN'T LET UP AT ALL.
HE'S GOT EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL. IS THIS EVEN NECESSARY?
AS I ENTERED CHANGAN I SAW AN ARMY ASSEMBLING
HE'S NOT FIGHTING US SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE EDICT, I THINK HE'S PREPARING THIS DEFENSE FOR SOMETHING ELSE
YOU MEAN, SOMEONE HAS FORSEEN THIS?

BUT IF HE KNEW THAT DONG ZHUO WOULD DIE, WHY DIDN'T HE CHARGE IN TO SAVE HIM? UNLESS...

LÜ BU KNEW ABOUT IT TOO AND PLANNED TO HAVE TROOPS INTERCEPT?

A PLAN TO AVENGE HIS MASTER!

STOP!

WHEN A STRATEGIST'S PLANS ARE IGNORED BY HIS MASTER... HE CAN ONLY PROCEED ALONE...

MAKE WAY! THESE ARE GENERAL LÜ BU'S ORDERS! MAKE WAY NOW!

THAT'S CORRECT! I BELIEVE... DONG ZHUO HAD A STRATEGIST OTHER THAN LI RU.

THAT'S WHY HE WAITED FOR THE THIRD CAMP TO ARRIVE.

THE MEN FROM THE THIRD CAMP ARE NUMEROUS AND OF HIGH STANDING. THEY ARE HIS MOST VALUABLE WITNESSES!

GOOD GOING. HE'S STARTED EARLIER THAN I EXPECTED!

DON'T FORGET LÜ BU KILLED HIS FATHER BEFORE!

TODAY DONG TAISHI'S FATE WAS THE SAME AS DING YUAN'S!

I BELIEVE YOU ALSO HEARD THAT THE THIRD CAMP'S MEN HAVE PLEDGED THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO LÜ BU?

I SPEAK THE TRUTH! DID YOU NOT WITNESS FOR YOURSELF THAT THE GENERALS OF THE THIRD CAMP HAVE BEEN AROUND LÜ BU?

THAT'S ABSURD! THE EVIDENCE AGAINST LI RU IS INSURMOUNTABLE...

UTTER NONSENSE! THE THIRD CAMP HAS ALWAYS BEEN LOYAL, WHY WOULD THEY DO THIS?
ONE MORE THING, I AM CERTAIN THAT LÜ BU AND THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS ARE IN LEAGUE. HOW ELSE COULD THE DUKE OF WEN NOT CAPTURE THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS?
THAT'S THE PLAN, NO ONE WOULD EVER BELIEVE IT. I THINK THAT THIRD CAMP LOOK UP TO LÜ BU, SO THEY WERE WILLING TO BE COMPLICIT.
THAT'S RIGHT! IF HE LET THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS ESCAPE, HE COULD USE THAT EXCUSE TO IMMOBILIZE THE OTHER LORDS AND MAKE HIMSELF STRONGER!

WHEN DID THIS START?
LOOKS LIKE THIS MORNING.
DO YOU HEAR ME? MAKE WAY!
THINK ABOUT IT, TAISHI MARRYING HIS DAUGTHER TO LI RU DAREN, IT DEMONSTRATES THAT THEY HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP..
I DARE ASK WHY WOULD LI RU DAREN KILL HIS OWN FATHER-IN-LAW?

THE WAR HASN'T BEGUN, SO RUMOUR IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPON.

RIGHT. THE TROOP FORMATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE CITY ARE INTRICATE, IF WE'RE GOING PURELY BY TROOP STRATEGY

THEN, THIS IS HIS PLOT FOR REVENGE?

THIS MAN IS HUNDRED TIMES BETTER THAN ME!

[OUTSIDE OF CHANGAN]

THE SPEED... IT'S A RED HARE HORSE! THE MILITARY ADVISOR IS COMING!

I'VE BID MY TEACHER FAREWELL! IS EVERYTHING READY?

ADVISOR, IT'S GONE AS YOU PREDICTED, NIU FU DAREN HAS EVERYTHING PREPARED

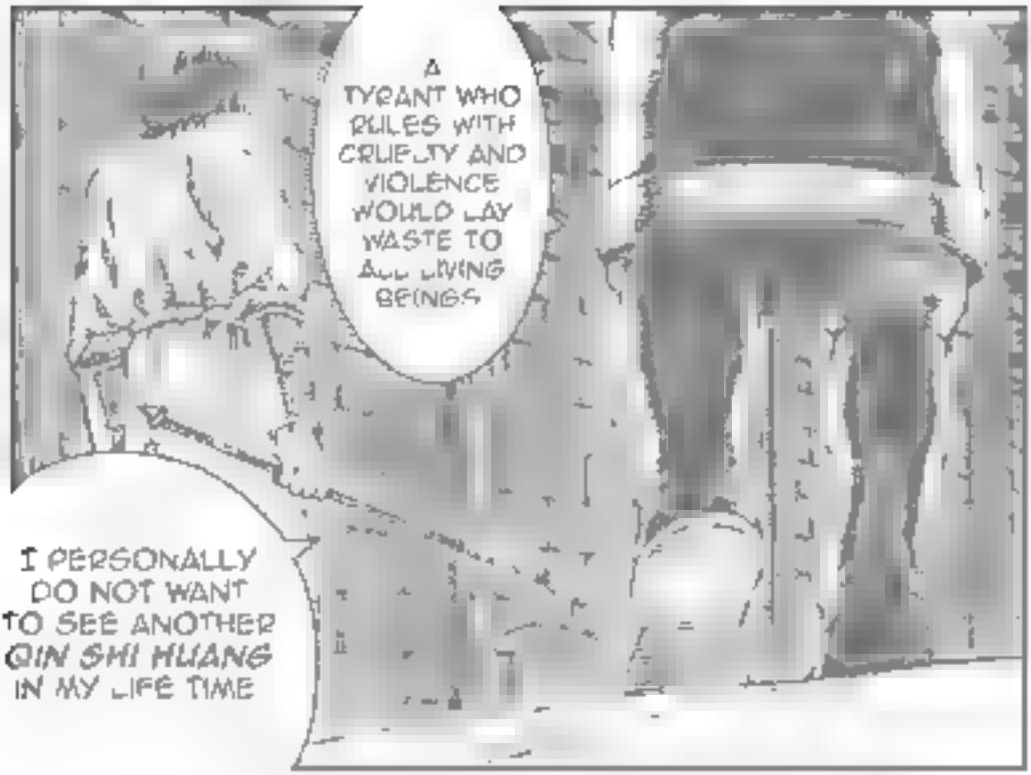
CHI

SLAM

ADVISOR... BE CAREFUL!

WHAT GOOD IS BEING ABLE TO PREDICT THE FUTURE? OUR LORD COULD NOT ESCAPE HIS DEATH... IT WAS MY FAULT FOR NOT CONVINCING HIM...

NOW... EVEN MY FOSTER BROTHER LI RU IS DEAD BECAUSE OF ME! IT'S ME!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NOTE: QIN SHI HUANG WAS THE FIRST EMPEROR OF CHINA

NOTES

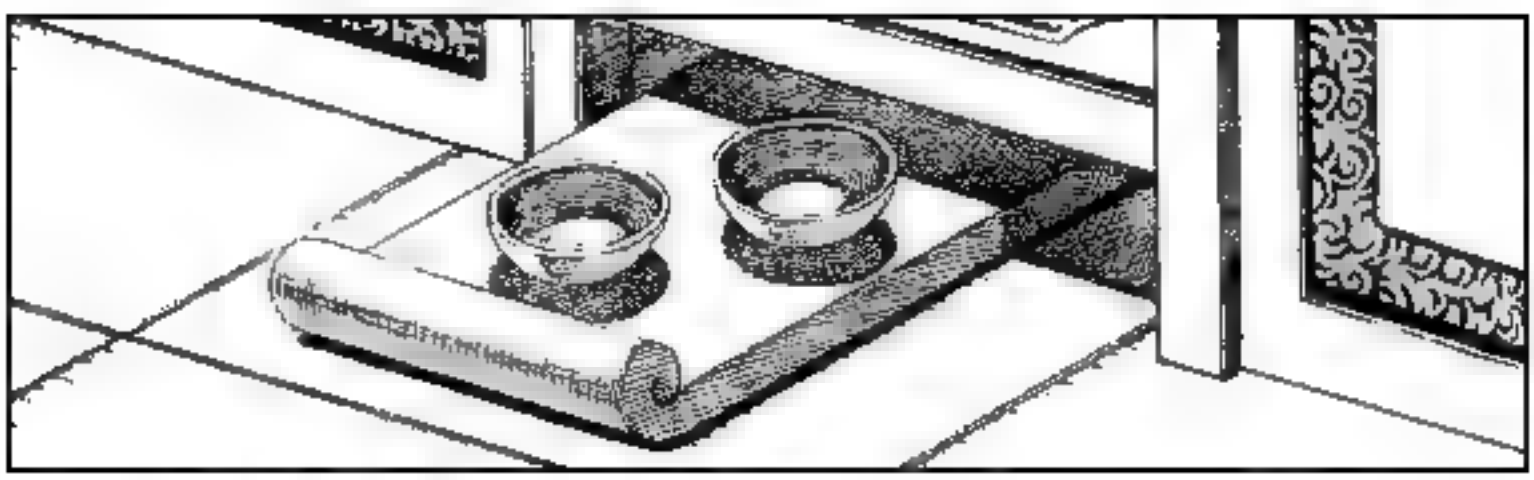
TO EXPAND ON THE ABOVE SCENE, ***QIN SHI HUANG*** RULED CHINA FROM 260 BCE TO 210 BCE. HIS RULE UNITED CHINA, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY MADE UP OF SEVERAL FEUDAL STATES. HE STANDARDIZED CHINESE SCRIPT, MEASUREMENT AND CURRENCY, AMONG OTHER GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

DESPITE THE GOOD HE DID FOR THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE, QIN SHI HUANG IS MOSTLY REMEMBERED FOR HIS CRUELTY AND TYRANNY. HE SUPRESSED THE INTELLECTUAL CLASS AND ORDERED THE BURNING OF HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL BOOKS OF WHICH HE (AND HIS ADVISOR, LI SI) DISAPPROVED. A CITIZEN'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE EDICT TO DESTROY THESE BOOKS COULD LEAD TO THE DEATH ON ONE'S ENTIRE FAMILY. QIN SHI HUANG ALSO PUT MORE THAN FOUR-HUNDRED AND SIXTY SCHOLARS TO DEATH BY HAVING THEM BURIED ALIVE.

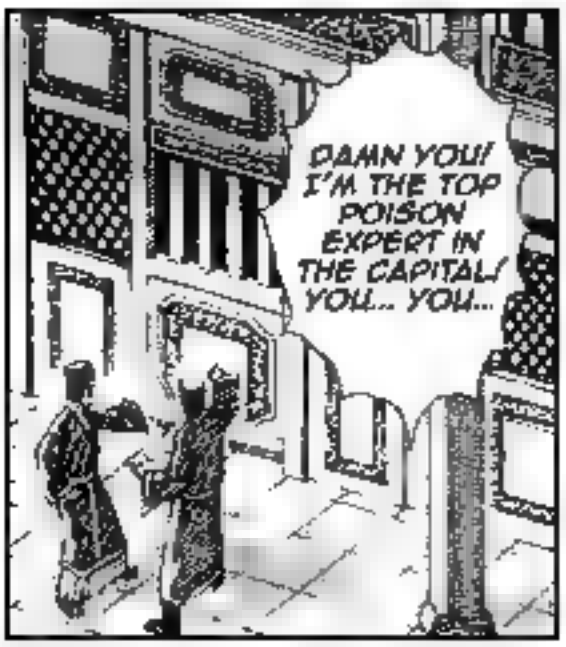
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT QIN SHI HUANG CAN BE FOUND ON HIS WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE. AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE YOU'LL ALSO FIND A LINK TO AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE BURNING OF BOOKS AND THE LIVE BURIAL OF SCHOLARS.

NOTES BY MOOO / PROOFREAD BY MOOO

IT'S MY FAULT! ME, JIA XU!



IF MENGHAN" IS NOT RINSED IN COLD WATER, ITS POTENCY IMMEDIATELY DECREASES,
REMEMBER THIS IF YOU WANT ME TO DEMONSTRATE FOR YOU.



NOTE: MENGHAN IS A DRUG USED IN WUXIA TO KNOCK OUT THE INTENDED VICTIM. IT MAYBE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NARCOTIC THORNAPPLE OR DATURA STRAMONIUM. HTTP://WWW.BOTANICAL.COM/BOTANICAL/MGMH/T/THORNAP2.HTML

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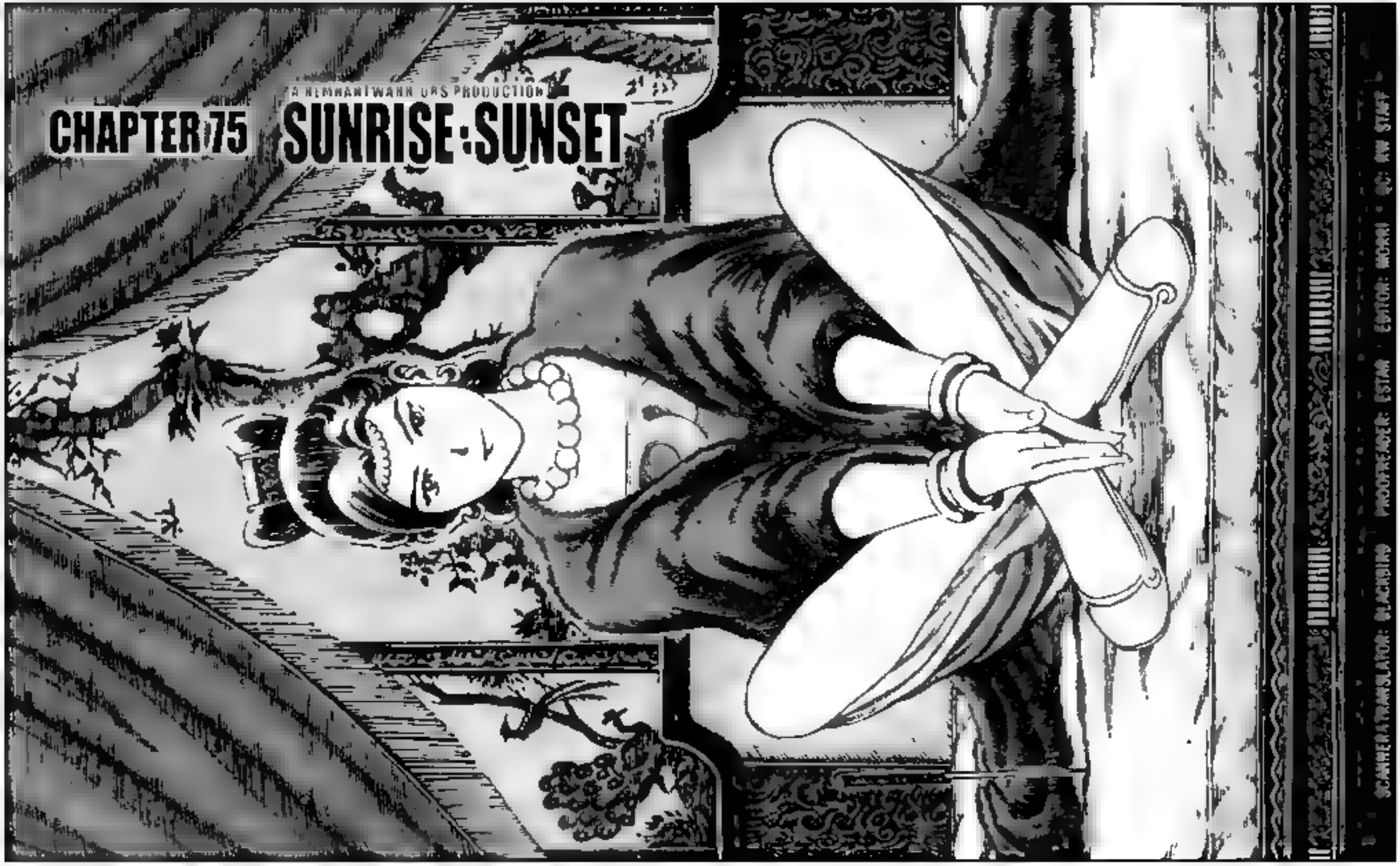
CHAPTER 75 SUNRISE·SUNSET



WHAT LEISURELY LIVING!

BUT I'M NOT USED TO THIS KIND OF LIFESTYLE

YOUR COMPANIONS' LIVES ARE HANGING BY A THREAD WITHIN THE PALACE, BUT YOU'RE QUITE COMFY OUT HERE.

WHAT A STARK CONTRAST.

I'LL NEVER MARRY LÜ BU! EVEN IF I WERE TO TELL YOU A HUNDRED TIMES...

OH, YOU OBJECT TOO?

HONESTLY, I DON'T WANT A MASTER INTOXICATED BY WOMEN.

HA HA! YOU CONCEDE THAT I'M ALLURING?

A WISE DECISION.

ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
NOT ONLY THAT, VERY JEALOUS AS WELL.
WHY DON'T WE TEAM UP AGAINST LÜ BU, THEN...
GET OUT!
THE FARTHER AWAY THE BETTER!
JUST LIKE THE PERSON BEHIND YOU.
YOU SURE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A SENSE OF HUMOUR.

TAKE HER AWAY! SHE'S ANNOYING ME TO DEATH.

BUT, I THINK YOU AND SHE ARE QUITE A MATCH!

WHY DON'T YOU STAY HERE AND SERVE ZHANG LIAO DAYE* INSTEAD!

NOTE: DAYE IS A HONOURIFIC FOR MASTER

MY FOUR LIMBS ARE PARALYZED.

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I'M POISONED?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ALL I KNOW IS THAT YOU'RE A TROUBLE-SOME PERSON.

DAMN YOU!! WHY CAN'T YOU BE GENTLER?

LET... LET GO OF ME! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

YOU'VE GOTTEN FAT AGAIN.

YOU DON'T WANT HER, SO I'LL BE TAKING HER AWAY!

YOU WERE AN ASSASSIN ONCE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ASSASSINS DON'T HAVE NAMES, RIGHT?

BUT WITH YOUR TALENT,

ISN'T IT A SHAME THAT YOU HAVE TO SERVE SOMEONE ELSE?

YOUR REAL NAME ISN'T ZHAO HUO?

OR IS IT THAT THE TIME ISN'T RIGHT YET?

HU! A LIKE-MINDED MAN.

I LEAVE THOSE TWO PEOPLE TO YOU, DON'T LET ANYONE SEE THEM.
YES SIR.
AND,
THEM..
I DON'T KNOW, THEY'VE BEEN HERE SINCE THIS MORNING

ME?

YOU! COME HERE!

WE ABIDE BY THE EDICT...

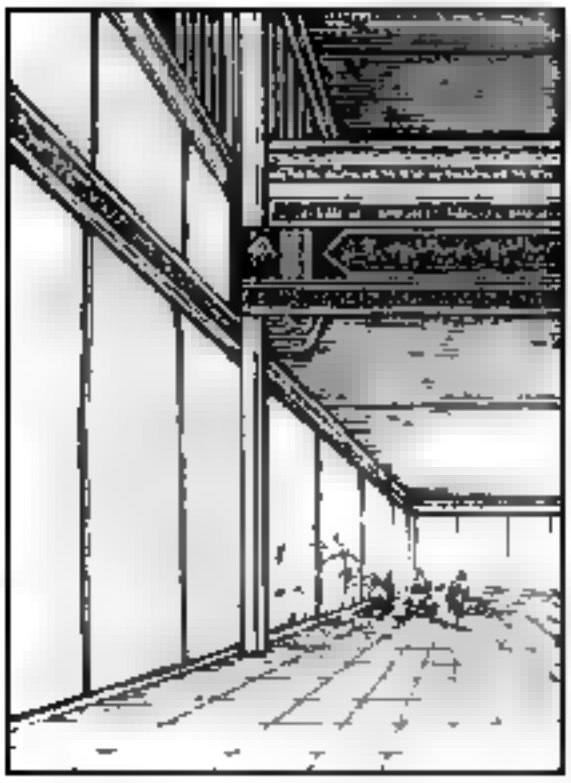
LÜ BU WILL ASSUME INTERIM COMMAND OF DONG TAISHI'S LIANGZHOU SUBJECTS!

WANG YUN AND SHI SUN RUI WILL TAKE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURT AND OFFICIALS!

LEAVE!

SO QUICKLY...

YET, EVERYTHING IS THE SAME AS BEFORE.



LÜ BU,
YOU'RE NO
ORDINARY MAN!

RUMOURS?

SPEAK!

YES... YES!

GENERAL... GENERAL LÜ AND TAISHI WERE AT ODDS OVER A WOMAN NAMED DIAO CHAN.

LÜ BU PLOTTED TO KILL DONG... DONG TAISHI AND HID DIAO CHAN IN HIS RESIDENCE.

THAT'S CORRECT! THEY'RE SPREADING FAST, LOOKS LIKE NU FU ACTED SOONER THAN EXPECTED!

THOSE OF US AT THE CITY OF KINGS IN LUOYANG WITNESSED LÜ DAREN KISSING DIAO CHAN.. SO.. SO WE HAD OUR SUSPICIONS

ON WHAT BASIS?

AL.. ALTHOUGH IT'S A RUMOUR, MANY PEOPLE WERE STILL CURIOUS AND CAME TO LÜ BU'S RESIDENCE TO INVESTIGATE.

RIGHT, I'VE LONG THOUGHT OF REMOVING HIM BEFORE GOING AGAINST LI RU...

THAT'S NO ORDINARY MAN!

IT'S NOT JUST A SMALL RUMOUR, THE REACTION IN THE EAST END OF THE CITY IS WORSE. IF MASTER DOESN'T SUPPRESS IT IN TIME, I M AFRAID.

NOW NILI FU HAS WINGS

UNFORTUNATELY, EVERY PLOT WAS EASILY FOILED BY HIM. AT LEAST WE'VE FORCED HIM TO NILI FU'S SIDE.

IT'S DONE, MASTER

WHEN NILI FU ATTACKS, SOME OF THE TROOPS IN THE CITY WILL ASSIST FROM WITHIN. PROLONGING THIS BATTLE WILL ALLOW THE GUANDONG ARMY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

LITERALLY VENGEANCE SNOW, HATE. MEANING: VENGEANCE TO WASH AWAY THE HATE IN ONES HEART.

ZHANG LIAO, MY HEAD'S ACHING AGAIN.

OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF CHANGAN

THESE SOLDIERS ARE VERY CALM. THEY'LL BE TOUGH OPPONENTS

THEIR NUMBERS AREN'T LARGE, BUT THEIR SPIRIT IS SKY HIGH.

GONGZI, THIS .. THIS IS A STRANGE FORMATION!

NIGHT MANEUVER TECHNIQUE..

AMAZING, THEIR NUMBERS HAVE MULTIPLIED OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS.

MANEUVER OF DARKNESS TECHNIQUE...!!

WHO IS THIS MILITARY STRATEGIST?

DONG ZHUO'S SON-IN-LAW,
NUI FU

A SON-IN-LAW IS A SON-IN-LAW.

SADLY, FAMILY WINS OVER THE MILITARY STRATEGIST.

THAT'S WHY OUR LORD DIDN'T ACCEPT ANY OF THE STRATEGIST'S RECOMMEND-ATIONS.

BUT NO ONE WOULD HAVE EVER SUSPECTED THAT SUCH A PERFECT SCHEME WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT LÜ BU.

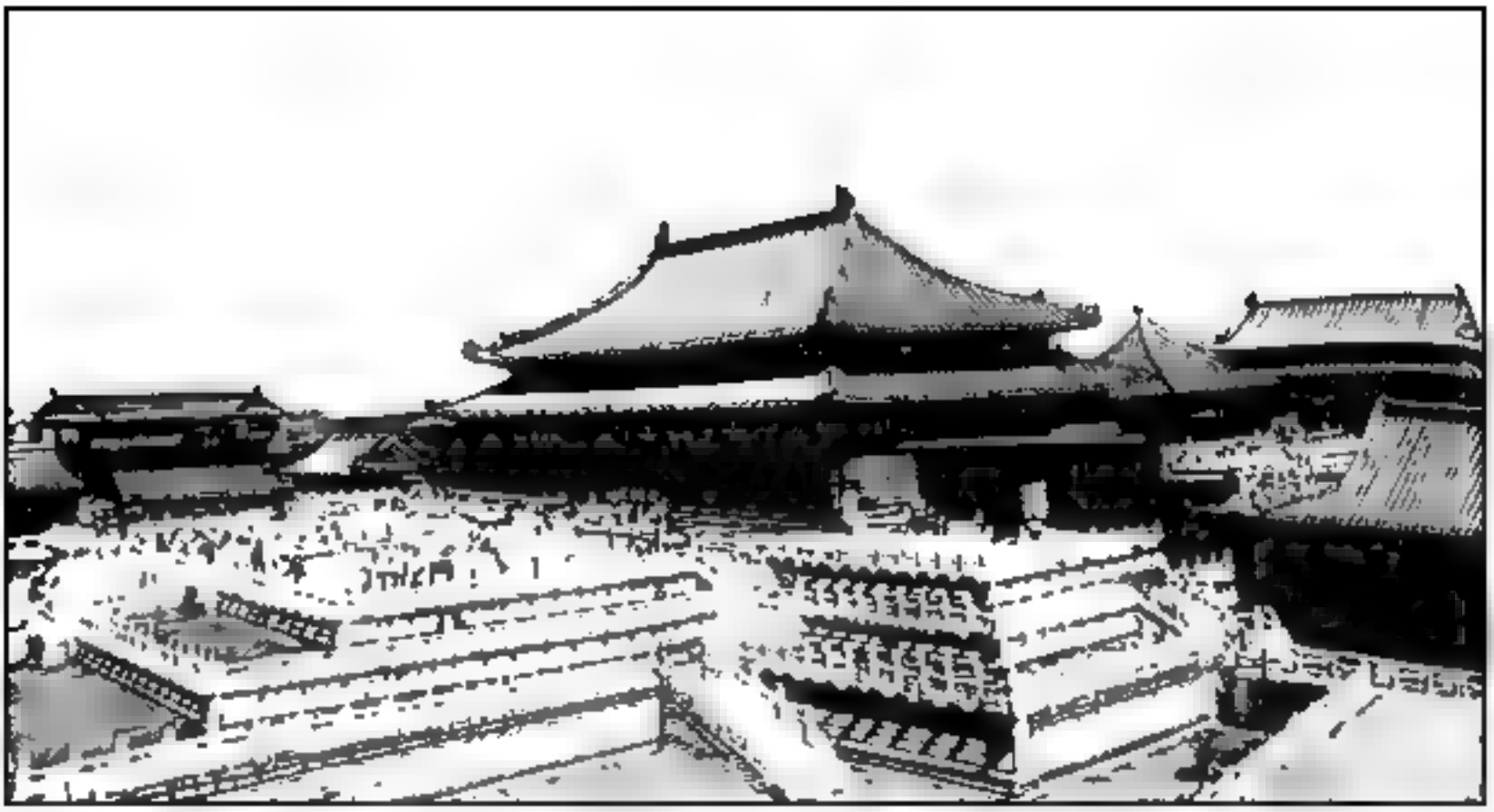
JIA XU WILL DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER.

AS SONS-IN-LAW, RU WAS A BUREAUCRAT, FU IS A SOLDIER, AND WE NO LONGER HAVE A CONFLICT ON STRATEGY.

LÜ BU PROCLAIMED HIMSELF AS THE LIGHT,

NATURALLY...

AFTER THE LIGHT,
COMES THE DARKNESS!



WANG YUN, LÜ BU CONSPIRED TO KILL DONG TAISHI!
EVEN IF YOU BEHEAD ME, I, CAI YONG WILL NEVER REWRITE HISTORY!

COMRADES! PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES!

A REMNANTWARR ORS PRODUCTION

CHAPTER 76 RUMOURS STOP AT FOOLS

WHAT A PACK OF LIES! TAKE THEM AWAY, TAKE THEM AWAY!

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, THOSE TAKEN IN BY THE EVIL RUMOUR WILL SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS PALACE ATTENDANT CAI YONG!

IS THERE ANYONE WHO DISAGREES?

NOTE: SI TU IS THE TITLE OF MINISTER OVER THE MASSES

SI TU SPEAKS THE TRUTH

I KILLED MY FOSTER FATHER, ABANDONED HIS BODY ON THE STREETS OF CHANG'AN, ALLOWING ANYONE TO SPIT AND STEP ON HIM...

WAS THIS TRUE? HAVE YOU WITNESSED THIS? COMRADES! YOU MUST OPEN YOUR EYES!

OPEN YOUR EYES!

THE MARQUIS OF WEN TREATS DONG DAREN LIKE HIS OWN FATHER, WHY WOULD HE BE SO UNKIND AND UNJUST? THIS IS DEFINITELY THE WORK OF REMNANTS FROM LI RU'S FACTION!

THAT'S CORRECT! IT'S JUST THAT CAI YONG WAS FAR TOO OLD AND COULDN'T ADAPT TO CHANGE AND THUS MISUNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING.

THE MARQUIS... MARQUIS OF WEN IS RIGHT!

REALLY, BEFORE DONG TAISHI DIED, DIDN'T PEOPLE SAY THAT HE WAS GOING TO FORCE THE EMPEROR TO ABDICATE? THAT WAS PURE RUBBISH!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S HOW FRIGHTENING RUMOURS CAN BECOME. UNFORTUNATELY, THESE RUMOURS HAVE SPREAD ALL OVER CHANG'AN.
FOSTER FATHER AND I ARE VICTIMS I HOPE EVERYONE WILL CALM DOWN AND THINK CLEARLY. DO NOT FALL INTO THE ENEMY'S TRAP, UNDERSTAND?
UNDER-STOOD!
UNDER-STOOD!
WEI WU TOO! THOSE THREE ARE PROBLEMATIC.
LI SHOU
WANG TA.

AG-REED?

AG-REED.

DIS-AGREE

ZHANG DAREN?

I ALSO AGREE FOUR TO ONE, WE MUST ERADICATE THEM.

LI SU, WHAT EXCUSE SHOULD WE USE THIS TIME?

SAME AS YESTERDAY!

THEY'VE EVEN SPREAD TO THE WEST END.

LOOKS LIKE... THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE TO GET RID OF!

THE RUMOURS HAVE BEEN SPREADING FAST?

TO BE ABLE TO MOBILIZE TEN THOUSAND MEN... JIA XU IS NO ORDINARY MAN!

THEY SAY THEY HAVE A HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN, BUT IT REALLY ONLY LOOKS LIKE TEN THOUSAND, STILL...

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF JIA XU'S FACTION?

THE THIRD CAMP'S MORALE IS HIGH; I'LL LEAVE THEM WITH YOU.

DON'T WORRY, JIA XU AND NIU FU WON'T LIVE MUCH LONGER

IMPERIAL PROTECT-IONIST FACTION; MA TENG, HAN SUI?

YOU WANT THEM TO SEND TROOPS TO THE REAR?

A THREE-SIDED ATTACK, INGENIOUS PLAN.

THREE-SIDED? THERE'S MORE?

JUST LIKE LAST TIME, ORDER THEM TO SEND TROOPS AGAIN. THIS TIME THEIR OPPONENT WILL BE NIU FU.

ONCE THAT'S COMPLETE, PROMOTE THEIR RANK BY TWO, COMBINE THEIR FORCES WITH MINE, AND NIU FU'S DEATH IS ASSURED.

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE AFRAID THAT MEN LOYAL TO DONG ZHUO'S FACTION IN XILIANG MIGHT START AN UPRISING, SO YOU SENT SOMEONE TO GUARD THE ROAD TO XILIANG?

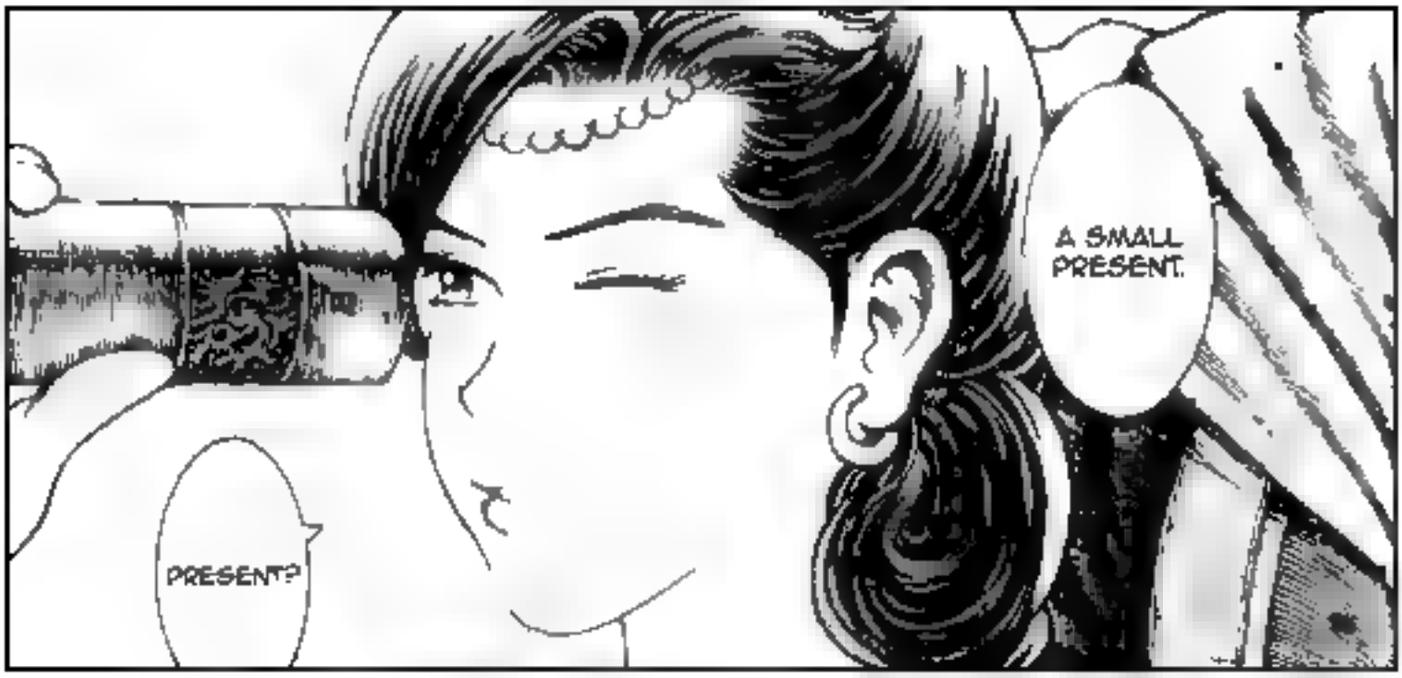
A FEW DAYS AGO AFTER CHESS, YOU SENT A SUBORDINATE FOR AN IMPERIAL DECREE, YOU WANTED ME TO RECOGNIZE A DISTANT RELATIVE

I DID?

A DISTANT RELATIVE?

NOTE: GE MEANS "ELDER BROTHER", HONORIFIC TO AN ELDER MALE BUT NOT NECESSARILY A RELATIVE

HUO GE," WHAT IS THIS?


A SMALL PRESENT.
PRESENT?

IT'S FOR SOMEONE I REALLY ADMIRE.

THIS. THIS IS AN IMPERIAL DECREE, WHEN DID YOU...
HA HA!

YOU... YOU MEAN LIU BEI?
RIGHT, WITH THIS IMPERIAL DECREE, HE WILL BE ABLE TO..

OF CHANG'AN

REPORTING! THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH CAMPS HAVE JOINED OUR FORCES!
THEIR ORDERS ARE TO STAY PUT AND AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS.

GOOD GOING, YOUR TROOP MOBILIZATION SKILLS ARE GOOD!

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF NIU FU'S REPUTATION!

NOTE. EMPEROR OF SABERS

REPORTING! DAO HUANG* IS HERE.

I CANNOT HELP BUT BE IMPRESSED BY MY OWN REPUTATION, EVEN THE FEARED DAO HUANG IS HERE.

HOW MANY DO WE HAVE?

MAIN CAMP TEN THOUSAND, AND THERE ARE FIFTY THOUSAND ON THE PERIPHERY.

NOTE. DAO IS A CATEGORY OF SINGLE-EDGE CHINESE SWORDS PRIMARILY USED FOR SLASHING AND CHOPPING (SABERS). DAO IS ACTUALLY A GENERIC WORD USED TO DENOTE ANY MEMBER OF A FAMILY OF SINGLE EDGED, BROAD-BLADED CUTTING OR SLICING TOOLS, BUT IN COMMON, EVERYDAY USAGE MEANS KNIFE HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/DAO (SWORD)

DAO... DAO HUANG, HANG ON!

QUICKLY, BRING MY MEDICINE BOX!

THIS... THIS...

WE WERE AMBUSHED ON THE WAY HERE, DAO HUANG FOUGHT OFF A HUNDRED ALONE...

BUT WE WERE OUT-NUMBERED, THEY WERE TOO MANY... SO...

AS FAR AS I KNOW, TROOP STRENGTH IS VERY LOW AROUND XING GUAN...

VICE GENERAL! HE'S RIGHT. WHY DO YOU NEED TO...

I AM ASHAMED...

VICTORIES AND DEFEATS ARE COMMONPLACE FOR SOLDIERS, WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE HERE, SO WHY LIE, DAO HUANG?

I, DAO HUANG, WAS NEVER AFRAID OF LU BU... UNFORTUNATELY I WAS DEFEATED...

AND... AND... THE OPPONENT...

THE OPPONENT... WAS JUST ONE MAN!

REPORTING! THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE WEST!

SCOUT?

IT'S FROM XING GUAN, IT SHOULD BE A SCOUT?

BUT... FROM THE ATTIRE, HE LOOKS LIKE A GENERAL!

IF YOU HADN'T MENTIONED IT...

I REALLY WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS MAN WAS LÜ BU!

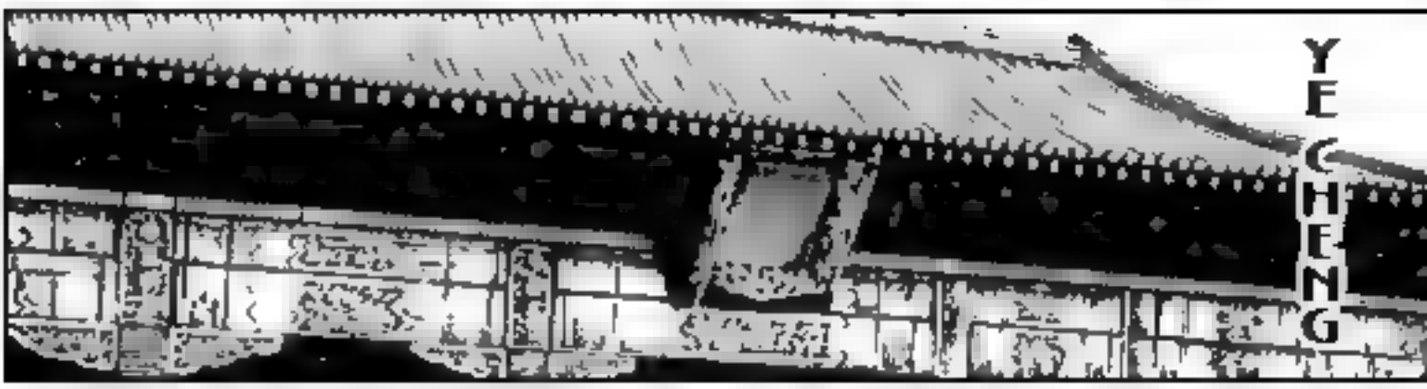
XING GUAN? LOOKS LIKE THE EMPEROR HAS DELIVERED HIS DECREE, MA TENG'S IMPERIAL PROTECTIONIST FACTION IS COMING.

I KNOW.

YOUNG MASTER! MASTER'S MAIN FORCES AREN'T HERE YET! DO NOT ENGAGE THE ENEMY FORMATION!

THE BEAST IS COMING!

JIZHOU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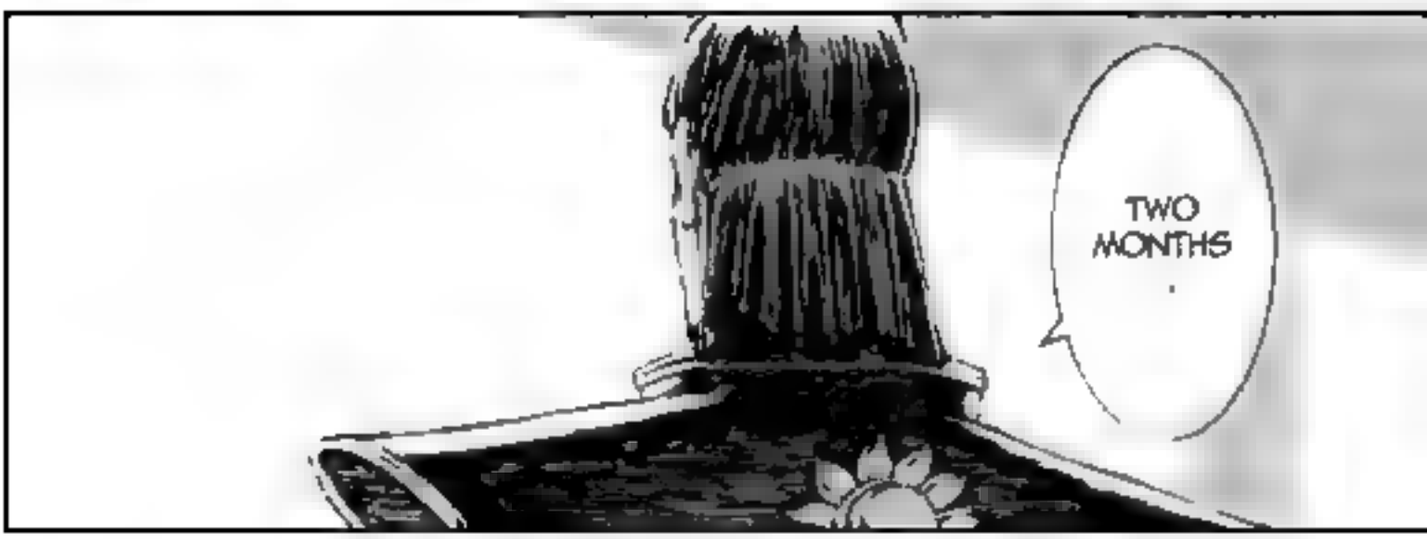
[FENG JI]
I CAN ALSO RAISE THE NECESSARY FUNDS.
MY LORD, PLEASE GIVE ME TWO MONTHS TO RAISE AN ARMY


TWO MONTHS

CHAPTER 77

EIGHT GENIUSES! KING OF FORMATION!

JUST TWO MONTHS AGO WE WERE UP AGAINST DONG ZHUO

HOW DID SOMEONE LIKE LI RU GET SUCH ABILITY?

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT TREACHEROUS DONG ZHUO WOULD DIE BY HIS OWN SON-IN-LAW'S HAND? IT'S DIVINE RETRIBUTION!

HIM AGAIN?

SOMEONE BOTH WOLF AND TIGER: THIS CAN ONLY BE LU BU!

NOTE WOLVES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH SCOUNDRELS, TIGERS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH WARRIORS.

FANG-ER, WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

MY LORD, WHY DON'T WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UPRISING IN LANGZHOU AND SUMMON THE GUANGDONG ALLIANCE TO CHANG'AN.

AS LONG AS CHANG'AN IS CAPTURED, XUJIANG CAN BE TAKEN ANY DAY.

IT WAS WORTH A TRY A MONTH AGO, UNFORTUNATELY, GONGSUN ZAN HAS SOLIDIFIED HIS POSITION.

BUT WHY HASN'T HE INFORMED US? OUR LORD IS THE ALLIANCE GRAND COMMANDER! IS HE TRYING TO PRIVATELY EXPAND HIS TERRITORY?

I'VE HEARD MA TENG HAS DEPLOYED HIS ARMY.

LAUNCHING AN OFFENSIVE ON A WHIM WILL LEAVE AN OPENING AT OUR REAR. GONGSUN ZAN WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT.

ALSO, ALL OF THE LORDS HAVE FORTIFIED THEMSELVES WITH THEIR OWN ARMIES. THE GUANDONG ALLIANCE IS TRULY DEAD.

MENCIUS SAID: HUNGER AND SEXUAL DESIRE ARE NATURAL. WHY NOT THE AMBITION TO RULE THE WORLD AS WELL? THAT IS HOW THE LORDS ARE

GENERALS, I DECLARE:
THE GREAT HAN IS DEAD.

AND THAT'S HOW THE WORLD IS.

DONG ZHUO'S HOME BASE

XILIANG

GRAND ADMINISTRATOR
[DONG YUE]

AT THE FIRST LIGHT OF DAWN,

BULLSHIT! YOUR COUP FAILED AND NOW YOU'RE BLAMING GENERAL LÜ BU. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE ASHAMED!

THIS INCESSANT

DAMN IT! LÜ BU'S FACTION ASSASSINATED OUR LORD AND PINNED THE BLAME ON LI RU. IT'S TRULY SHAMEFUL!

BELIEVE LÜ BU. SIR, DON'T YOU SEE THE PEOPLE OF CHANG'AN SUPPORT HIM? LOOK AT WANG YUN DAREN, HE...

BELIEVE NIU FU. SIR, DON'T YOU SEE WHO THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF CHANG'AN ARE BACKING? DON'T BE FOOLED BY SUCH PLOYS! SO...

I'VE HEARD BOTH NEWS. WHICH SHOULD I BELIEVE?

GRAND ADMINISTRATOR! WHO DO YOU BELIEVE?

WATCH THOSE BASELESS ACCUSATIONS! THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE WORK OF LÜ BU. DID YOU FORGET WHY OUR LORD GAVE HIS DAUGHTER'S HAND TO LI RU?

DAMN YOU! LI RU'S COUP EVEN GOT OUR LORD'S SON AND MOTHER ...

THAT'S CORRECT! GENERAL LÜ HAS AMASSED HONOUR AND GLORY, WITH THE GRAND ADMINISTRATOR'S SUPPORT HE'LL DEFINITELY...

GRAND ADMINISTRATOR! DO NOT TRUST LÜ BU SO EASILY, PLEASE THINK IT OVER!

YOU SPEAK OF LI RU'S BETRAYAL, BUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD...

TURNED WITHIN A NIGHT... WHY IS THAT?

AND YOU.

LÜ BU HELPED OUR LORD EXPAND HIS DOMINION AND AMASSED GREAT HONOUR, THE TWO ARE LIKE FATHER AND SON, WHY WOULD THEY BE AT ODDS?

I, DONG YUE, AM THE PILLAR OF SUPPORT IN XILIANG. WITHOUT REAL EVIDENCE, HOW CAN I ACT RASHLY?

NOW GO BACK AND TELL YOUR MASTERS, WHOEVER CAN BRING ME PROOF

XIA

NEAR CHANG'AN

HE SENT AN ADVOCATE TO JIANGZHOU? WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT LÜ BU WOULD MOVE SO QUICKLY?

NOW GETTING DONG YUE'S SUPPORT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO AMASS ANY MORE TROOPS.

OUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND STRONG XILIANG TROOPS WILL SEEK REVENGE UPON THE CULPRIT, WITH OUR BLOOD IF WE HAVE TO!

OUR MILITARY STRENGTH IS HALF JÜ BU'S, LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT SURROUNDING THE CITY I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T EVEN DEFEAT THE THIRD CAMP.

THE STRATEGY IS SOUND, BUT . STRATEGIST!

ALSO, MA TENG OF MEI XIAN AND HAN SUI OF JINCHENG JUN HAVE DEPLOYED THEIR TROOPS, THIS STRATEGY WILL EXPOSE OUR REAR AND FLANK.

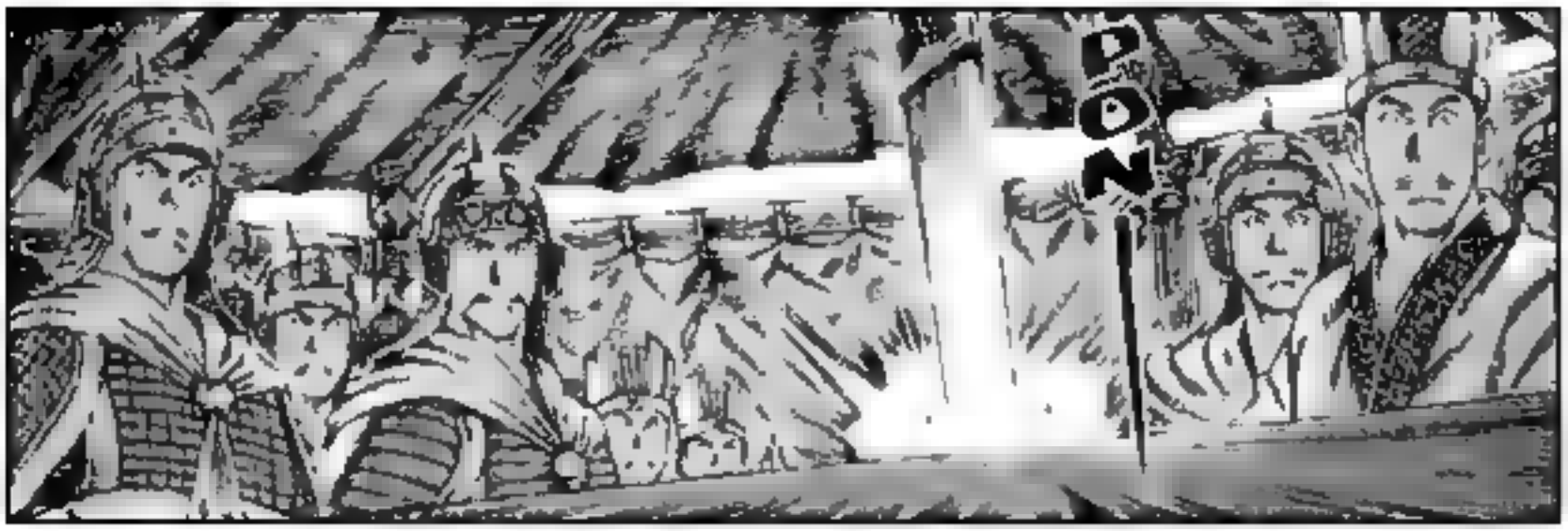
NIU DAREN IS CORRECT! WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION; WE WOULD ONLY BE SMASHING EGGS INTO ROCKS!

A SMALLER ARMY SHOULD ONLY BE INVOLVED IN A PROTRACTED WAR. WE'VE BEEN ON A BATTLEFIELD FOR TENS OF YEARS, WHO ELSE WOULD BETTER UNDERSTAND THIS?

HE'S PROCEEDING SO RASHLY, NO WONDER FATHER-IN-LAW ONLY TRUSTED LI RU..

AND LEADING THE THIRD CAMP IS THE RENOWNED GENERAL LI SU. HE IS BRAVE AND WISE; IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FACING HIM!

LET'S CONCENTRATE ALL OUR FORCES AGAINST LI SU!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TRUST LI RU AND YOUR FATE IS THUS!

NO ONE NEEDS TO DIE. THERE'S NO NEED TO LAUNCH ALL OUR TROOPS. WHO DARES TO QUESTION THE TITLE OF THE EIGHT GENIUSES?

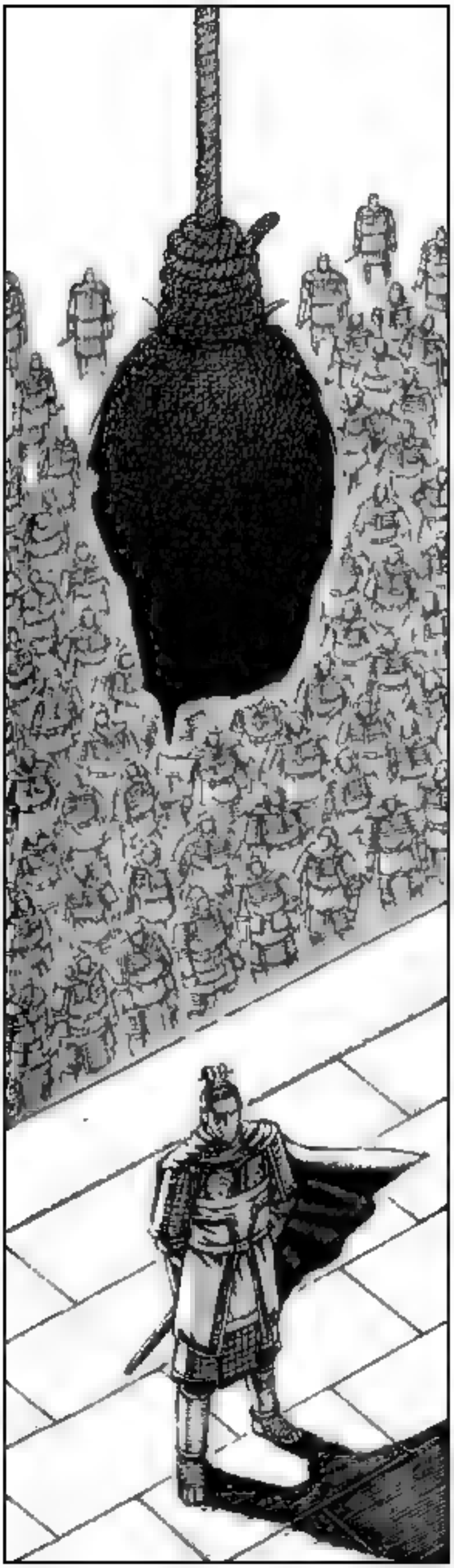
DO YOU GENERALS STILL REMEMBER OUR UNFULFILLED VENGEANCE ?
SCREW YOU! EVEN IF WE DIE, WE'LL NEVER FORGET!

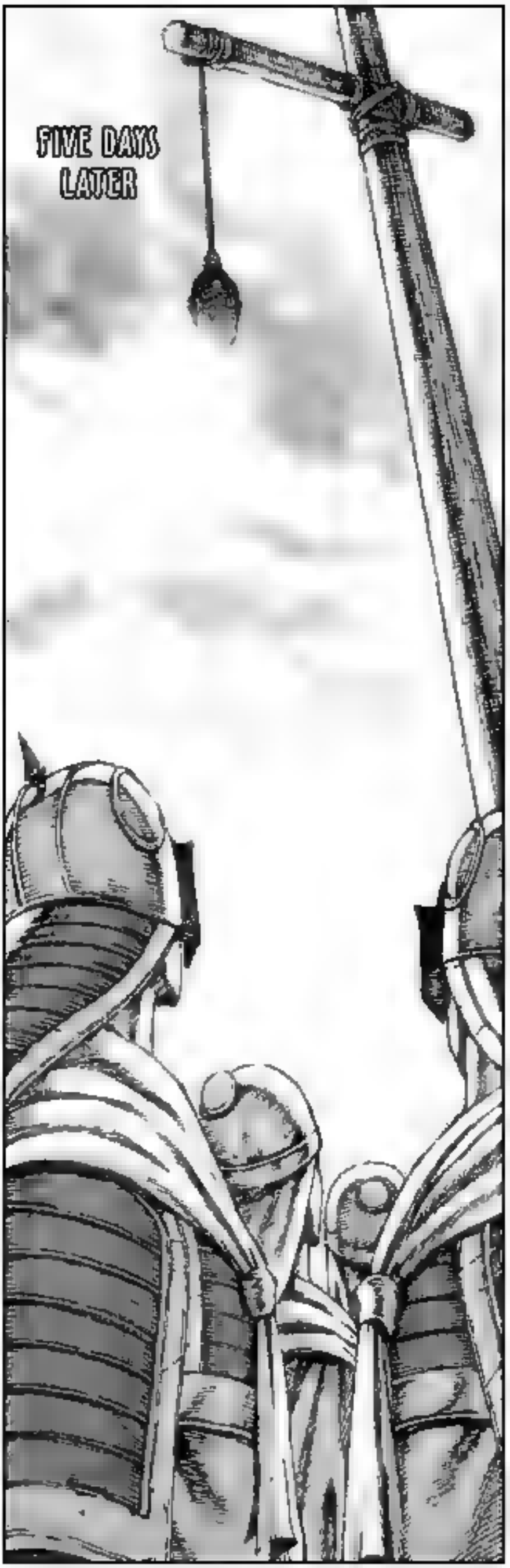
I JUST NEED A TENTH OF THE TROOP STRENGTH

I'LL LEAVE MY HEAD IF I DON'T DEFEAT LI SU WITHIN FIVE DAYS

A... A TENTH OF THE ARMY?

FIVE... FIVE DAYS?




FIVE DAYS
LATER

WHO BOASTED?

WHO SAID HE'D ANNIHILATE THE ENEMY IN FIVE DAYS?

THIS SELF-PROCLAIMED GENIUS BIT OFF MORE THAN HE CAN CHEW!

HIS INABILITY TO COMPLETE THE MISSION COST US THE LOSS OF GREAT WARRIORS!

THE BRAVE AND MIGHTY THIRD CAMP WAS SACRIFICED! WHY?

IS THERE NO GREAT LEADER? IS THERE NO UNDEFEATED WARRIOR GOD? GENERALS, WHO IS HE?

LI SU

LÜ BU!

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JIA XU!

LÜ BU IS COMING TO FACE YOU!

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OUTSIDE OF CHANG'AN

WE STOPPED IN OUR TRACKS AS SOON AS WE HEARD LU BU S NAME?

IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF LÜ BU ...

ONLY BECAUSE WE GOT TO SEE CHANG'AN AGAIN.

BUT NOW LÜ BU IS IN THE CITY AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER TRICKS HE'S GOT.

WITHIN ONE NIGHT, THE THIRD CAMP WAS ANNIHILATED AND LI SU WAS KILLED. THE MILITARY ADVISOR IS AMAZING!

SAME CONDITIONS AS BEFORE?

BUT, I STILL SAY THAT I WILL LEAVE MY HEAD IF I DON'T DEFEAT LÜ BU.

CHANG'AN, THE WORLD'S FIRST CITY. NO ONE HAS EVER CONQUERED IT...

WITHIN 5 DAYS.
RIGHT, A TENTH OF THE TROOP STRENGTH,

IN TACTICS AND RULE...
I, LI RU, IN THIS ERA, WAS BUT
A BIT PLAYER.

AFTER THIS ERA, THERE APPEARED THREE POWERFUL AND WISE MEN:

PRIME MINISTER ZHUGE,

GRAND PRECEPTOR SIMA AND...

... GRAND COMMANDANT JIA!

NOTE:
PRIME MINISTER = CHENG XIANG
GRAND PRECEPTOR = TAI FU
GRAND COMMANDANT = TAI WEI